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PERSONAL ITEMS.

MAJOR E. C. WOODRUFF, 5th U. S. Infantry, is at Hot Springs, Ark.

LIEUTENANT J. A. EMERY, 11th U. S. Infantry, qualified as a sharpshooter during 1890.

CAPTAIN C. E. HARGOUS, 5th U. S. Infantry, is East on sick leave to await retirement.

CAPTAIN B. H. GILBRETH, U. S. A., retired, is spending the winter at West Newton, Mass.

CAPTAIN ADAM KRAMER, 6th U. S. Cavalry, will spend the spring and part of the summer on leave.

LIEUTENANT J. N. GLASS, 6th U. S. Cavalry, of Fort Union, N. M., is expected East on a few weeks' leave.

CAPTAIN BAINBRIDGE REYNOLDS, 3d U. S. Cavalry, left the service by resignation on Sunday last, February 1.

CAPTAIN W. C. WEDEMAYER, 16th U. S. Infantry, lately examined for retirement, is a recent visitor in Los Angeles, Cal.

CAPTAIN J. MCB. STEMBEL, U. S. A., and Mrs. Stembel, sailed for Bremen on Saturday last on the steamship Werra.

CAPTAIN A. H. GOODLOE, U. S. A., retired, of Detroit, joined the Michigan Commandery of the Loyal Legion this week.

LIEUTENANT G. L. ANDERSON, 4th U. S. Artillery, returned to Old Point Comfort, Va., on Tuesday, from a short leave.

CAPTAIN C. T. WITHERELL and Lieut. A. B. Foster, 19th U. S. Infantry, made good records as sharpshooters during 1890.

LIEUTENANT J. L. WILSON, 4th U. S. Artillery, has located a recruiting rendezvous at 17 East Trade street, Charlotte, N. C.

CAPTAIN W. B. BANISTER, assistant surgeon, U. S. Army, is a recent arrival at Washington Barracks, D. C., from Fort Niobrara.

CAPTAIN A. MORTON, 9th U. S. Infantry, has removed from Terre Haute, Ind., to 82½ East Washington street, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. TAGGART, wife of Lieut. E. T. Taggart, 6th U. S. Infantry, of Plattsburgh Barracks, is still sick at Chicago under the doctor's care.

CAPTAIN M. W. WOOD, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., has rejoined at Fort Meade, S. D., from duty in the field. He is somewhat broken down.

MAJOR ROBERT M. O'REILLY, surgeon, U. S. A., was expected to rejoin at Fort Logan, Colo., this week, for service in Southern Dakota.

LIEUTENANTS J. T. MARTIN and W. A. Bethel, 4th U. S. Artillery, of Fort McPherson, Ga., were visitors at Fort Barrancas, Fla., this week.

Mrs. O'CONNELL and Miss O'Connell, wife and daughter of Capt. J. J. O'Connell, 1st U. S. Inf., are making a voyage by sea from San Francisco.

LIEUTENANT G. F. E. HARRISON, 2d U. S. Artillery, on leave for some time past on the Pacific Coast, is due in a few days at Fort Adams, R. I.

CAPTAIN F. M. GIBSON, 7th U. S. Cavalry, who has been on leave in Philadelphia, will go abroad for the benefit of his health, and remain several months.

CAPTAIN JOHN R. MYRICK, 3d U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort McHenry, Md., early in the week from a tour of court-martial duty at Fort Monroe, Va.

COLONEL GUY V. HENRY, U. S. A., when through at Pine Ridge Agency, will go to regimental headquarters at Robinson instead of returning to Fort McKinney.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM LASSITER, 1st U. S. Artillery, is expected to leave San Francisco this week for New York, and will join Cotton's battery at Fort Columbus.

CAPTAIN J. W. POWELL and Lieut. H. H. Bandholtz, 6th U. S. Infantry, returned to Fort Ontario early in the week from a pleasant visit to Buffalo and Fort Porter.

LIEUTENANT JAMES O. MACKAY, 3d U. S. Cavalry, visited Corning, N. Y., this week to inquire into the likelihood of obtaining a good class of recruits in and near that point.

LIEUTENANT J. L. CHAMBERLIN, 1st U. S. Artillery, has returned to Washington from service at his own request, with the light artillery gun detachment at Pine Ridge Agency.

CAPTAIN F. M. GIBSON, 7th Cavalry, U. S. Army, sails for Europe Feb. 7. His address while abroad will be care of Brown, Shipley and Co., bankers, Founders Court, London, E. C., England.

CAPTAIN ROBERT J. GIBSON, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., lately on duty at the Divisional Field Hospital at Pine Ridge, was expected this week at New Haven, Conn., at which place he was on leave when ordered to the front.

THE Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle says: "The appointment of Col. D. W. Flagger to be Chief of Ordnance, U. S. A., was good news to his many friends in Augusta, who have not forgotten the time when he was commander of the arsenal in that city."

THE death of Colonel Henry A. Morrow, 21st U. S. Infantry, causes the following promotions in the infantry arm: Lieut.-Col. R. F. O'Beirne, 15th, to colonel; Major Samuel Overshine, 23d, to lieutenant-colonel, and Capt. James Henton, 23d, to major.

THE Ohio Society of New York held its sixth annual banquet last evening at Delmonico's. General Sherman was on the list of speakers. The menu represented the first log cabin erected in Marietta and the old Bunch of Grapes Tavern at Boston, whence started the original Ohio company organized at the close of the American Revolution.

LIEUTENANT F. G. KALK, 3d U. S. Infantry, is visiting at Cumberland, Wis.

COLONEL ELMER OTIS, 8th U. S. Cavalry, has been visiting at 498 Holly avenue, St. Paul.

LIEUTENANT R. P. DAVIS, 2d U. S. Artillery, visited friends in New York City this week.

LIEUTENANT C. W. PENROSE, 11th U. S. Infantry, is a recent guest at the Coates House, Kansas City.

LIEUTENANT W. S. MCNAIR, 3d U. S. Artillery, left Washington, D. C., on Thursday to be absent for a week.

ADJUTANT P. M. B. TRAVIS, 11th U. S. Infantry, left Sackett's Harbor early in the week on a short leave.

MAJOR JULIUS H. PATZKE, Surgeon, U. S. A., of Fort Huachuca, contemplates spending several months abroad.

COLONEL R. E. A. CROFTON, 15th U. S. Infantry, en route to Fort Sheridan, is a recent guest at the Ryan House, St. Paul.

CAPTAIN J. M. BURNS, 17th U. S. Infantry, lately in the field, has gone to Hot Springs, S. D., for a short course of treatment.

LIEUTENANT GEORGE B. DUNCAN, 9th U. S. Infantry, lately visiting at Lexington, Ky., on leave, is a recent visitor in St. Paul.

LIEUTENANT J. T. FRENCH, 4th U. S. Artillery, who is soon due at St. Augustine, Fla., has been visiting in Washington, D. C.

INDIAN CHIEFS JOHN GRASS, White Bird, American Horse, Taring Hawk, and Three Stars are arrivals in Washington this week.

CAPTAIN C. B. EWING, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., was expected at Gen. Merritt's headquarters in St. Louis this week from field service.

LIEUTENANT B. C. WELSH, 15th U. S. Infantry, of Jackson Barracks, La., was in San Antonio this week to be examined for promotion.

MAJORS W. L. HASKIN and J. A. Darling, U. S. A., returned to Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., on Monday from a pleasant trip to Fort Monroe, Va.

LIEUTENANT E. S. BENTON, 3d U. S. Artillery, left San Antonio a few days ago for the North, and will join Major Hess's battery at Washington Barracks.

LIEUTENANT W. E. BIRKHIMER, 3d U. S. Artillery, having completed the trial of two important cases at Fort Monroe, has returned to Washington Barracks.

LIEUTENANT LEA FEBIGER, 23d U. S. Infantry, is still at New Haven, Conn., settling up matters connected with the estate of his father, Col. George L. Febiger, U. S. A.

LIEUTENANT W. G. HAAN, 5th U. S. Artillery, left Fort Columbus this week to join Day's battery at Fort Mason, Cal. Many friends in San Francisco will be glad to welcome him back.

CAPTAIN CHARLES P. EAGAN, U. S. A., a recent arrival in San Francisco from San Antonio, will make a trip to Vancouver Barracks in a few days to undergo examination for promotion.

GENERAL JOHN G. PARKE, U. S. A., is expected to attend the annual reunion of the 3d Division, 9th Army Corps, at York, Pa., March 25. Mrs. Hartman, widow of Gen. Hartman, will also be present.

CAPTAINS CHARLES HOBART and John P. Thompson, and Lieuts. W. E. P. French, Chas. W. Kennedy, J. H. McRae and E. V. Smith are recent additions to the commissioned roster of Fort Sully, S. D.

CAPTAIN MOSES HARRIS, 1st U. S. Cavalry, read a paper this week on "The Union Cavalry" before the Wisconsin Commandery of the Loyal Legion. Capt. Harris is at present on recruiting duty at Milwaukee.

GENERAL STANLEY, Col. Young, Capt. Manning and Lieut. Heyl left San Antonio Jan. 28 on a trip into Mexico on the Monterey and Gulf Road. They will go to the end of the line, which is within fifty miles of Tampico.

GENERAL T. F. RODENBOUGH, U. S. A., is the author of an interesting work entitled "The Bravest Five Hundred," published by G. W. Dillingham, of New York City. It refers to the medal of honor men of the War of the Rebellion.

THE engagement of Captain Charles R. Burn, 1st Royal Dragoons, British Army, to Miss Ethel Forbes-Leith, only daughter of Mrs. A. T. Forbes-Leith, of New York City, is announced. Capt. Burn is at present an A. D. C. to the Duke of Connaught.

DR. HARMER, lately on duty as A. A. Surgeon at Eagle Pass, is now a practicing physician at Seguin, Texas. The jolly doctor is as handsome, fascinating and jolly as ever, and his friends will be pleased to learn that his merits are recognized at Seguin.—San Antonio Express.

DR. GEORGE STEWART, Jr., editor of the Quebec Chronicle and president of the Historical Society of Quebec, will deliver an address on "Count Frontenac, Governor of New France," on Friday evening, Feb. 13, before the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, at the Berkeley Lyceum Theatre.

FREDERICK SCHWATKA, late of the Army, was seriously injured last week by falling over the banisters of his hotel at Mason City, Iowa. His wife was summoned from Rook Island, Ill. His condition is critical and necessitates the cancelling of lecture engagements and an Alaskan exploration projected in April next. Latest accounts report improvement.

THE Leavenworth Standard, referring to the return to Fort Leavenworth of the cavalry battalion, says: "Lieut. Guilfoyle, of the 9th Horse, who leaves for Pine Ridge, said that all the troops behaved nobly, and that Lieut. Perry, who had command of a troop of the 9th, displayed great military ability. Lieut. Guilfoyle was reticent as to himself, but others who were with him say he was everywhere when a duty was to be performed."

CAPTAIN H. B. OSGOOD, U. S. A., is a recent arrival in Omaha.

CAPTAIN F. K. UPHAM, 1st U. S. Cavalry, is a recent visitor in St. Paul to be examined for retirement.

LIEUTENANT GRAHAM D. FITCH, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., is a recent arrival at Portland, Oregon.

CAPTAIN CHAS. H. WARRENS, 14th U. S. Infantry, has left Vancouver Barracks to spend until May next on leave.

CAPTAIN R. P. BROWN, 4th U. S. Infantry, and Mrs. Brown are visiting at 551 East Broad street, Columbus, Ohio.

GENERAL E. A. CARR, U. S. A., who is recuperating on leave for a period, is a recent guest at the Lindell House, St. Louis.

MAJOR S. G. COWDREY, Surgeon, U. S. A., who is in New York City on leave from Fort Marcy, N. M., was seriously ill this week.

LIEUTENANT C. E. TAYMAN, 24th U. S. Infantry, is due at Fort Leavenworth in a week or two to undergo a course of special instruction.

LIEUTENANT LEVERETT H. WALKER, 4th U. S. Artillery, of Fort McPherson, Ga., visited brother officers at Fort Barrancas, Fla., this week.

GENERAL D. W. FLAGLER, the newly appointed Chief of Ordnance, U. S. A., arrived in Washington the latter part of this week to assume the duties of his office.

CAPTAIN J. A. FESSENDEN, U. S. A., of Major-General Howard's staff, is a recent guest at the Lafayette Hotel, Philadelphia, returning to Governor's Island from the South.

LIEUTENANT CHAS. W. ROWELL, 2d U. S. Infantry, an efficient officer who was adjutant of his regiment from 1878 to 1887, has been assigned to college duty at Grove City, Pa.

CAPTAIN EDWARD EVERTS, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., who was recently sent hastily to Pine Ridge Agency for duty in the field, was expected to return to Davids Island, N. Y. H., this week.

AMONG the guests at a white dinner given on Tuesday evening by ex Marshal and Mrs. Albert A. Wilson were Major-General Schofield, Gen. John Moore and Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. O. D. Greene.

"Geo. T. KERCHEVAL," who has an article in the North American Review for February on "Fair Play for the Indians," is a young lady, daughter of Capt. G. S. Jennings, U. S. A., retired, of Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. ANDREWS, daughter of Major-General Schofield and wife of Lieut. Avery Delano Andrews, A. D. C., gave a tea on Wednesday afternoon, at which the Army and Navy were well represented.

AN Austrian despatch reports that the veteran Kossuth is in good health, works at his desk eight hours a day, and is about to issue the fourth volume of his memoirs covering the period of the Polish rising in 1864.

THE Philadelphia Inquirer says: "A meeting of the Universal Peace Union on the Indian question will be held on Thursday evening, Feb. 5. Gen. Morgan, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and others will deliver addresses."

CAPTAIN CHARLES F. HUMPHREY, U. S. A., after very arduous and important service with the troops in the field, was expected in Omaha this week to resume his duties there in connection with the construction of the new post.

CHAPLAIN WALTER MARVIN, U. S. A., a recent appointment, was expected to join at Fort Spokane this week. A correspondent writes: "We haven't had a chaplain for three years and the advent of Chaplain Marvin is highly appreciated."

MISS TERRY, sister of the late Maj.-Gen. A. H. Terry, U. S. Army, has informed K. G. Tyler Post, G. A. R., of Hartford, that the family is much pleased with the memorial which the Post proposes to place in the Connecticut State Capital.

COLONEL H. G. GIBSON, 3d U. S. Artillery, has appointed Captains J. M. Lancaster and James Chester, and Lieut. C. B. Satterlee, a Regimental Board, to arrange for the competitions in heavy artillery firing provided for in G. O. 132, A. G. O., of 1890.

LIEUTENANT J. M. T. PARTELLLO, 5th U. S. Infantry, one of our crack sharpshooters, has lately returned from Europe, and is quoted as expressing the opinion that the average American shooter is away ahead of the rifle shots of the Eastern hemisphere.

CAPTAIN F. D. GARRETTY, 17th U. S. Inf., at present on duty at Davids Island, N. Y., was among the many guests at the review and reception of the 22d Regt., N. G. S. N. Y., last Saturday evening, at its new armory. The captain was accompanied by his wife, his daughter Kate and her cousin.

CAPTAIN R. H. PRATT, U. S. A., referring to the statement that the slayer of Lieut. Casey was a graduate of the Carlisle Indian School, and son of a prominent Sioux known as No Water, says that No Water never had a child at Carlisle, and the Sioux now at the school who know him say that his children have never been in any school.

A CORRESPONDENT, referring to the funeral services, Feb. 2, over the late Secretary of the Treasury, says: "While all the Cabinet feel the loss of Mr. Windom deeply the grief on the faces of the President and Mrs. Harrison finds a counterpart on those of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Blaine, to whom this period—to-morrow being the anniversary of the death of their daughter, Mrs. Coppinger—is a very trying one."

ASSISTANT SURGEON CRAMPTON, U. S. A., has sold out his sheep interests in Montana at a good profit and has purchased real estate in Highland Park, Ill., adjoining Fort Sheridan. Owing to the large garrison that will undoubtedly be the future of Fort Sheridan, its vicinity will become a popular place of residence for retired Army officers, as some of the wealthy citizens of Chicago are building handsome summer residences there.

THE artist Marshall has almost completed a life-size portrait of Gen. W. T. Sherman, U. S. A., for Mr. S. B. Elkins.

ASSISTANT SURGEON L. M. MAUS, U. S. A., arrived in New York on Thursday from Europe, where he has been on leave.

CAPTAIN W. B. DAVIS, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., on leave from Fort Preble, Me., visited friends in New York City this week.

LIEUTENANT A. M. FULLER, 2d U. S. Cavalry, is the author of a work entitled "A. D. 2000." The book is fantastic and interesting.

GENERALS SHERMAN and Sickles attended the "grand military night" at the Casino Theatre, New York City, on Wednesday evening.

THERE are eight ex-Secretaries of War alive, viz.: Holt, Schofield, Sherman, Taft, Cameron, Ramsey, Lincoln and Endicott, and five ex-Secretaries of the Navy, Robeson, Thompson, Goff, Chandler and Whitney.

THE marriage Feb. 3 in St. Xavier's Church, St. Louis, of Mr. Clark M. Carr, son of Gen. Eugene A. Carr, colonel, 6th U. S. Cavalry, to Miss Virginia Morrison, brought together a large and fashionable company.

COLONEL R. E. A. CROFTON, 15th U. S. Infantry, has selected 1st Lieut. J. A. Maney as his regimental adjutant, in succession to Lieut. G. K. McGunnegle. Lieut. Maney is an experienced officer, whose service dates from 1877.

THE following Army officers registered at the War Department this week: 1st Lieut. J. M. T. Partello, 5th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Chas. G. Treat, 5th Art.; 1st Lieut. Geo. Bell, Jr., 3d Inf.; 2d Lieut. Wm. H. Bean, 2d Cav., and 1st Lieut. R. R. Evans, 12th Inf.

HENRY L. DOUGLASS, of Troop E, 4th U. S. Cavalry, of Vancouver Barracks, contributes to the New York Sun an interesting letter on the Gila's bite. He says that in Arizona, where the monster predominates, its bite is regarded as deadly poison.

THE New York Times speaks highly of the "Handbook of Problems in Direct Fire," of which Captain J. M. Ingalls, 1st U. S. Artillery, of Fort Monroe, is the author, and expresses satisfaction that a work of so novel a character should have come from an American artilleryman.

A PRIVATE letter received in Washington from Lieut. E. A. Garlington, 7th Cav., gives the gratifying intelligence that he has so far recovered from his wound as to be able to pass his physical examination for promotion. He is now preparing for his professional examination, which he will, of course, pass with credit to himself and to the Service.

THE account of a recent meeting of the Colorado Commandery of the Loyal Legion says: "The transfer of Col. H. C. Merriam, 7th U. S. Inf., from the Commandery of the State of Maine, was received with unanimous applause. Telegrams of confidence and sympathy were unanimously adopted and telegraphed to Gen. Miles and Col. Merriam serving their country at the front."

ARMY officers have an easy, sybaritic time of it. Oh, yes! The Sturgis Record says: "Lieut. J. C. Byron, 8th Cav., was eating dinner at his quarters in Fort Meade recently, having just come in from a long and cold march from Pine Ridge with his troop, when he received a telegram to return at once to Pine Ridge. He left on the afternoon train to recruit a company of Indian scouts."

LIEUTENANT T. J. CLAY, 10th U. S. Infantry, lately on duty at Headquarters, Department of Arizona, as Inspector of Small Arms Practice, has prepared a handy compilation of decisions, orders, etc., affecting target practice and the small arms firing regulations, which Gen. McCook, the Department Commander, has issued in neat portable form. Lieut. Clay deserves credit for his careful work.

"WHEN Bancroft met Byron at Leghorn," says Frank Sanborn in the Boston Advertiser, "they were both guests of an American naval officer then in Italian waters, Commodore Jones, who offered to carry Byron to the United States on his ship and make an American of him. Soon after this Shelley was drowned (in July, 1822.) Col. And. Derrom, of New Jersey, who is still living, saw Byron in his youth."

A CHICAGO despatch quotes Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) as having nothing but praise for Gen. Miles, and as saying: "The General handled that campaign in a phenomenal manner. It will go down in history as being the most wonderful Indian war on record. The Wounded Knee affair was an unfortunate accident. What will be done with Forsyth is purely an Army affair. The general idea is that he could not have done otherwise, considering the circumstances."

THE amendment to the law providing for details of Army and Navy officers to educational institutions will now compel the institutions availing themselves of this advantage to have regular military drill. Yale College, where Lieut. A. L. Totten is on duty in the Scientific School, appears to be debating the question whether they are willing to continue the services of a military professor on these terms. Concerning this, Lieut. Totten says: "I am satisfied of one thing, that the result of a year's good work would make such a showing at Yale that there would be no doubt about its permanence, and that Yale would equal Cornell University with its battalion, 400 strong, in a short time."

THE father of the late Lieut. J. D. Mann, 7th U. S. Cav., was captain of the "Goshen" company of the 48th Indiana, and laid his life down for his country at Corinth, Miss. A braver or better officer than the old captain never lived, says a correspondent. He was a patriot in every sense of the word. At the siege of Corinth, when Gen. Pope very dexterously withdrew his troops from the Cedar Swamp at Farmington, it was Capt. Mann's duty to withdraw the picket and rear guard. This he did with great bravery, and so successfully that he captured a rebel major and his grand rounds escort. The son, Lieut. Mann, was for 15 years a 2d lieutenant, and the least that Congress can do for the two widows of father and son is to substantially provide for both."

LIEUTENANT JOHN D. MILEY, 5th U. S. Infantry, now on the Pacific Coast, is expected in New York City in a few days.

GENERAL BROOKE and staff, consisting of Dr. Baehs, Major Benham, Lieuts. Roe and Truitt, have returned from Pine Ridge to Omaha and General Wheaton and the 2d Infantry have again taken quarters at Fort Omaha.

A NEW G. A. R. Post at Hamilton, Ontario, has been named W. W. Cooke, in memory of Brevet Lieut.-Col. Wm. Wilder Cooke, 1st lieutenant 7th U. S. Cavalry, who was killed June 25, 1876, in the Custer massacre at the Little Big Horn.

COLONEL LOOMIS L. LANGDON, 1st U. S. Artillery, has appointed Major John Egan and Lieuts. R. H. Patterson and H. L. Harris a regimental board to arrange for the competitions in heavy artillery firing provided for in G. O. 132, A. G. O., of 1890.

MAJOR G. W. BAIRD, U. S. A., contributes to the Helena Journal an interesting letter on the subject of the investigation at Pine Ridge in which General Forsyth was concerned, refers to General Sheridan's action in the case of General Warren and says: "The statement made that Miles' action respecting Forsyth grew out of prejudice against the 7th Cavalry is absurd and cruel. A commander of United States troops in Indian warfare can no more be governed by that portion of frontier public opinion (if there be such) which finds pleasure in calling dead Indians 'good Indians,' than he can by that portion of eastern opinion (if there be such) which thinks that Indians are born without faults."

"MANY happy returns of the day" to Capt. F. D. Garretty, 17th Inf., born Feb. 4; to Col. C. B. Comstock, C. E., born Feb. 3; to Lieut. S. E. Clark, 2d Inf., born Feb. 1; to Lieut.-Col. G. H. Weeks, D. Q. M. G., born Feb. 3; to Maj. James Henton, 23d Inf., born Feb. 2; to Lieut.-Col. J. Van Horn, 25th Inf., born Feb. 6; to Capt. Thos. Symons, C. E., born Feb. 7; to Major S. S. Sumner, 8th Cav., born Feb. 6; to Major Daniel Madden, retired, born Feb. 2; to Gen. H. L. Chapman, retired, born Feb. 1; to Major Geo. E. Head, 3d Inf., born Feb. 4; to Capt. Geo. W. Crabb, 5th Cav., born Feb. 6; to Maj. H. A. Theaker, 15th Inf., born Feb. 4; to Capt. J. Hale, 3d Inf., born Feb. 1; to Capt. E. B. Savage, 8th Inf., born Feb. 2; to Major C. D. Viele, 1st Cav., born Feb. 7.

THE Christian Herald, of Detroit, referring to the appointment of the Rev. C. C. Bateman to be chaplain in the Army, says: "The blood of the soldier courses in his veins; he comes from fighting stock. His great grandfather (paternal side) served under George Washington with credit, suffering great privations during the Revolutionary war. His father served with honor and distinction during the late Civil War, and was dangerously wounded." The Enterprise, of Oregon City, referring to his pastoral labors there, says: "During his residence among us the church edifice in which he ministers has been far too small to accommodate the multitudes which have thronged its doors. The chaplain is greatly blessed in his wife, whose literary tastes are as pronounced as those of her husband. She is the author of many elegant and graceful lines, that have largely appeared in San Francisco and Portland papers."

THE Minnesota Woman's Christian Temperance Union has the following concerning Gen. Brislin's marriage at Red Wing, Minn.:

The last meeting of our Red Wing Union was held at the residence of Gen. Brislin, U. S. A. He was a widower with four children at home, and an accomplished governess, Miss Wilson, and her mother in his family. He is also a temperance man and a non-user of tobacco and a Methodist. Without our knowledge, he gave a special invitation to his pastor, the Rev. H. C. Jennings, to be present on that occasion. Forty-one persons, which was about the usual number at our teas, had assembled and were spending the intervening moments after the meeting of the W. C. T. U. in pleasant conversation, when the Rev. H. C. Jennings came in with Gen. Brislin, and passing round among the company introduced him to every one present. After this our host disappeared and Mr. Jennings, very much to our surprise, announced to us that there would be a wedding soon. All seemed as pleased with the prospect of witnessing the event as though they had never before enjoyed such an occasion. Soon Gen. Brislin returned with his intended youthful and handsome bride. All eyes were upon them while Mr. Jennings, in a most dignified and appropriate manner, performed the marriage ceremony. Congratulations were freely offered to the happy couple, after which refreshments were served in the usual manner. At the request of the General no collection for the work was taken and he generously presented our treasurer with a check. Mrs. Brislin and two other ladies gave their names to become members of our W. C. T. U. After a supper to all, a short time was spent in a most pleasant and social way; then we thanked the General and his wife for favoring us with such a happy surprise, bade them a pleasant good night and returned to our homes thankful for the hopeful outlook of the Union and for what we had been permitted to enjoy.

COMMANDER G. C. REITER, U. S. N., has been visiting friends in Norfolk, Va.

COMMODORE W. M. FOLGER, U. S. N., was a visitor to the Quaker City this week, making his headquarters at the Lafayette.

LIEUTENANT BENJAMIN TAPPAN, U. S. N., of the Bureau of Naval Intelligence, was a guest at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, this week.

CAPTAIN W. S. SCHLEY, U. S. N., sailed for Europe on Saturday last, on the steamship *La Bretagne*, to resume command of the *Baltimore*, now at Toulon.

ENSIGN L. C. BERTOLETTE, U. S. N., will join the *Concord* as watch officer Feb. 10. His last duty has been on the Coast and Geodetic Survey steamer *A. D. Bachs*.

CHIEF ENGINEER J. L. D. BORTHWICK, U. S. N., has been granted leave of absence for three months, having been detached from the *Suvarata* at Mare Island. His address will remain in care of the Navy Department.

LIEUTENANT W. B. CAPERTON, U. S. N., who will marry Miss Georgia Blacklock Feb. 9, is at present on special duty in the Navy Department, but will, on the conclusion of a two months' leave, be assigned to the *Altamont*. The wedding trip of the happy pair will be spent in Florida. Miss Blacklock is a niece of Gen. Ordway, well known in Washington, and the groom is a son of the late Senator Caperton, of West Virginia.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL MEECHER, U. S. Marine Corps, was in Philadelphia this week with quarters at the Colonnade Hotel.

CAPTAIN C. C. CARPENTER, 1st Lieut. S. W. T. Walker and Ensigns L. C. Bertolette and Marbury Johnston were registered at the Navy Department this week.

MRS. MOSES, wife of 2d Lieut. F. J. Moses, U. S. M. C., will give the last of her charming receptions on Monday, Feb. 9, at their pleasant quarters in the Washington, Navy-yard.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER GEO. A. NORRIS, U. S. Navy, was married at Tokio, Japan, Jan. 5, 1891, to Mrs. Maria R. Bailey, sister-in-law of the Hon. J. F. Swift, U. S. Minister to Japan.

A NEW ORLEANS despatch of Feb. 3 says: "Mr. M. G. Menocal of the engineer corps of the Nicaragua Canal Company is in this city. He gives good accounts of the progress being made on the canal."

P. A. ENGINEER WM. A. MINTZEL, U. S. N., has been granted a three months' sick leave and will spend it in Philadelphia. His last assignment to duty was as senior engineer of the *Monocacy* on the China Station.

DURING the past seventy years the Marine Corps has had but four colonel commandants, viz.: Archibald Henderson, from 1820 to 1859; John Harris, 1859 to 1864; Jacob Zeilin, 1864 to 1876; and C. G. McCawley, 1876 to 1891.

LIEUTENANT W. G. HANNUM, U. S. N., recently detached from the *Mohican* at Honolulu, has received an assignment of duty at Pittsburgh. In connection with the inspection of steel for the Navy. Mrs. Hannum goes with her husband.

LIEUTENANT ALBERT W. GRANT, U. S. N., after a long tour of duty in connection with fitting our naval vessels with the electric light, has been detached from that duty and is assigned to the *Concord*, where he will report on Feb. 10.

THE members of the Manhattan Athletic Club were entertained, Jan. 30, by Capt. Howard Patterson, late admiral of the Haytian Navy, who gave an interesting lecture on "The Instruments of Navigation Dealt With From a Practical Standpoint."

ASSISTANT NAVAL CONSTRUCTORS LINNARD and Woodward have successfully passed their examination for promotion by the board of which Naval Constructor Hickborn was president. The nominations as naval constructors will be sent to the Senate in a few days.

It is proposed that a monument shall be erected to Midshipman Jarvis, of the U. S. frigate *Constitution*—the American Casabianca—whose pathetic story has been recently retold in pure and classic language under the title "Little Jarvis," by a very clever contemporary writer.

RECENT advices from the *Baltimore*, now in European waters, report that Chief Engineer De Valin is not expected to recover. A letter says: "Mrs. De Valin is with him all the time, and he seems to appreciate her presence. It is a great pity to lose such a good officer and so good a companion."

ONE of the first officers to receive detachment from the *Suvarata*, soon to go out of commission at Mare Island Navy-yard, is Lieut. W. P. Biddle, U. S. M. C., who has been directed to report to Col. Commandant Heywood for orders. Lieut. Biddle will probably receive an assignment to shore duty at some Eastern station.

AFTER not a few disappointments Ensign and Mrs. E. W. Eberle, U. S. N., are settled in Washington for a tour of duty, brief or long, as the powers that be shall decide, and a course of instruction in ordnance will be carried out by Mr. Eberle while there. Mrs. Eberle will be better remembered by a wide circle of friends in San Francisco as Tozie Harrison and sister of Mrs. J. J. Knapp, wife of Ensign Knapp, now serving on the receiving ship *Dale* at the Washington Yard.

THE officers of the Columbian Iron Works, Baltimore, Md., are as follows: W. T. Matatu, president and general manager; R. T. Culbreth, secretary and treasurer; G. F. Boynton, cashier; superintending officials and others connected with Government work—Geo. W. Roche, Chief Engineer, U. S. N., superintending engineer of cruiser No. 10, assisted by Asst. Engr. C. A. E. King, U. S. N.; John Addison Baxter Smith, P. A. Engineer, U. S. N., superintending engineer of cruiser No. 9; Naval Constructor W. H. Varney, U. S. N., superintending constructor; Carpenters N. H. Jenkins and Henry Davis, U. S. N.; Draughtsman W. H. Varney, in charge; Clark E. H. Wardwell.

"MANY happy returns of the day" to Capt. L. A. Beardslee, U. S. N., born Feb. 1; to Capt. T. O. Selfridge, born Feb. 6; to Comdr. F. R. Smith, born Feb. 6; to Lt.-Comdr. C. T. Hutchins, born Feb. 5; to Lieut. W. J. Barnette, born Feb. 2; to Lieut. J. O. Nicolson, born Feb. 7; to Lieut. B. T. Walling, born Feb. 4; to Lieut. D. Daniels, born Feb. 1; to Lieut. W. L. Rodgers, born Feb. 4; to Ensign A. M. Beecher, born Feb. 7; to Surg. J. M. Flint, born Feb. 7; to Surg. J. C. Wise, born Feb. 7; to Surg. L. G. Heneberger, born Feb. 3; to P. A. Surg. I. W. Kite, born Feb. 5; to Chief Engr. G. H. White, born Feb. 5; to Chief Engr. F. A. Wilson, born Feb. 7; to Chief Engr. G. W. Magee, born Feb. 1; to Chief Engr. R. B. Hine, born Feb. 6; to P. A. Engr. W. H. Nauman, born Feb. 6; to P. A. Engr. S. Potts, born Feb. 4; to P. A. Engr. W. C. Eaton, born Feb. 4.

COST OF THE INDIAN WAR.

THE Quartermaster General has submitted an estimate to Congress of \$1,200,277 to supply deficiencies in the Department growing out of the Indian campaign. Of this amount \$405,016 is for transportation. \$70,000 to replace cavalry and artillery horses broken down in the campaign; and for the purchase of ponies for field service; \$157,702 to cover the outlay for canvas, blanket-lined overcoats, stock boots and other clothing equipage; \$57,746 to cover the difference in cost of supplies purchased for troops in the field and the regular contract price; \$9,312 for incidental expenses, and \$500 for burial of indigent soldiers.

RECENT DEATHS.

ANOTHER brave old soldier passed away last week, Brevet Brigadier General James Madison Robertson, major, U. S. A., retired, whose service began Dec. 8, 1838, on which date he enlisted in the 2d U. S. Artillery. During the Mexican War he was quartermaster-sergeant of the regiment, and was present at Cherubusco, Molino del Rey, Chapultepec, etc., and for his gallantry was at the close of that war promoted brevet second lieutenant of the 2d Artillery. In May, 1861, he had attained the grade of captain, and during the War of the Rebellion he participated in many engagements, and ever displayed the courage and sterling military qualities for which he was noted. During the last months of the war he commanded a brigade of horse artillery. He received brevets from major to brigadier-general for gallantry, the last being "for distinguished services while chief of horse artillery attached to the Army of the Potomac during the campaign from May to August, 1864, including the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Hawes' Shop and Traveller Station." In 1874 he was promoted major of the 2d Artillery, was transferred to the 3d Artillery in 1875, and March 20, 1879, was retired at his own request. He has lived for some years past at Plattsburgh, where he was highly respected, and many in the Army to-day will sincerely mourn the death of this veteran of two wars.

The death, Jan. 31, at Hot Springs, Ark., of that gallant officer, Brevet Brigadier-General Henry A. Morrow, colonel, 21st U. S. Infantry, is announced. He had suffered for some time from asthma and liver trouble, complicated with dropsy. Gen. Morrow was a veteran of two wars. He served as an enlisted man in Watson's Regiment of D. C. and Maryland Volunteers during a portion of the Mexican War, and when the Civil War broke out was holding a public position in Detroit. He was appointed colonel of the 24th Michigan Volunteers in August, 1862, and from that time forward until the close of the war proved himself a gallant soldier and a skilful commander. For his gallantry at Richmond and Petersburg he received the brevets of brigadier-general and major-general. In 1866 he was appointed lieutenant-colonel, 36th U. S. Infantry, was transferred to the 18th Infantry in 1869, and April 27, 1879, was promoted colonel of the 21st U. S. Infantry. He held the brevet of colonel in the Regular Army for his gallantry at Hatcher's Run. The 21st Infantry will, more than all others, mourn his death, for he was highly esteemed and beloved by the entire regiment. As an executive officer he held high rank, and his early legal training enabled him to cope with many difficult positions during his command in Nebraska and elsewhere. He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR JONATHAN DICKINSON MILLER, U. S. N., retired, who died at his home, Mount Airy, near Philadelphia, was appointed assistant surgeon in 1836. He was retired as medical director Nov. 6, 1872. During the war he rendered efficient service and was highly esteemed by his brother officers.

THE *Detroit Free Press*, referring to the death, Jan. 8, at Baltimore, Md., of Major Frank H. Larned, U. S. A., says: "Few of his contemporaries in this, his native city, survive, and probably fewer still outside of Army circles are to be found who had the honor of knowing him." The deceased was the son of Major Benjamin F. Larned, who was paymaster of the U. S. Army, and of the military family of Gen. Hugh Brady. He served in the Voltegers in the Mexican War under Gen. Taylor at Monterey and under Gen. Scott through the Mexican Valley. During the Civil War he was on duty at Fort Monroe, New Orleans, and was in command of the forces at Fort Barrancas, Fla. Sickness and exposure in the line of his duty during the war rendered him unfit for service. The writer remembers the first visit of this officer to his native city, after his transfer to the 2d Artillery. He had left Detroit a mere boy, and had returned in his twenty-fourth year with the renown of the Mexican campaign. His handsome face was bronzed from campaign life, and a fair-sized moustache gave a martial tone to his appearance. His fine figure appeared to great advantage in the blue and scarlet uniform worn at the time by artillery officers. In fact, he was, during his brief visit referred to, which occurred about 40 years ago, much admired and much feted by his friends in his native city."

THE funeral of Bvt. Lieut.-Col. Theodore W. Bean (late 37th Pa. Vol. Cav.), at Norristown, Pa., was largely attended and by many from distant points. Among the military pall-bearers were Gen. D. McM. Gregg, commander of the Pennsylvania Commandery Loyal Legion; Gen. W. W. H. Davis, of the Bucktown Historical Society; Gen. Horatio C. King, who served on Gen. Merritt's staff with Col. Bean; Col. Durland and Major Wm. Thompson, of the 17th Pa. The ceremonies were unostentatious and in keeping with Col. Bean's character. His career was remarkable, rising by his own efforts from the anvil to a distinguished position in the military, literary and political history of his State and country. Continued ill-health, the result of overwork, undermined his reason and his untimely death is universally lamented. He leaves a widow, a daughter and two sons, the eldest of the latter, Lieut. H. W. Bean, being in the Regular Army.

COLONEL BUFFINGTON, commandant of the National Armory, in an order announcing the death of Maj. Edward Ingersoll, U. S. A. (noticed last week), says: "The death of Major Edward Ingersoll, so long paymaster and storekeeper of this armory, is an event in which the armors generally will take a deep interest. While Major Ingersoll has not been for a number of years officially connected with the armory, its commanding officer deems it a duty to endeavor to express in this official way his appreciation of the sterling qualities of the deceased, and of his many and varied services to this armory, which owes very much of its beauty to his wise forethought and provision. As a mark of respect, the flag—under the shadow of which he lived for so many years—will, on the day of his funeral, be placed at half-staff from the reveille until retreat."

THE Minnesota Commandery, in an obituary notice of the late Col. Glover Perin, Assistant Surgeon-General, U. S. A., recounts his services, and says: "Upon his retirement by age in 1887, he became a resident of St. Paul, and it is here we have learned to know and to love him. He was a man of fine presence, of dignified though modest bearing, of the highest integrity and of the most tender and generous heart; a Christian gentleman."

GENERAL GEORGE MASON GRAHAM, who died at Rapides, La., Jan. 31, aged 84, was appointed to the Military Academy in 1823, but left before graduation. During the Mexican war he was a captain in Marks's regiment of Louisiana volunteers, was acting A. D. C. to Col. Garland and highly distinguished himself at Monterey. He was at one time Adjutant-General of Louisiana and filled many other responsible positions.

MARGARET G., wife of Capt. C. H. Warrens, 14th U. S. Inf., died at Dr. Thomas's sanitarium Jan. 30. She had come to New York from Vancouver Bks., Wash., with Capt. Warrens to undergo medical treatment and entered the sanitarium Jan. 27. She will be buried at Belle Fontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, in the family plot of her father, Wm. H. Goodwin.

WE regret to learn of the death at Copenhagen, Denmark, January 15, 1891, of Mrs. Julia C. Mills, mother of Lieut. S. C. Mills, 12th U. S. Infantry, and mother of the wife of our Minister to Denmark. Her son and daughter were with her when she died.

MR. JAMES RANDOLPH MORGAN, who died in New York City a few days ago, was a son of the late Capt. Jas. M. Morgan, Ord. Dept., U. S. A. Capt. Morgan died Sept. 20, 1853.

MRS. WADDELL, widow of James J. Waddell, formerly commander, U. S. Navy, died Jan. 28, at Philadelphia. The remains were sent to Annapolis for interment.

MRS. PIERCE, wife of C. Franklin Pierce, acting boatswain, U. S. N., died at Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1891, after a short visit.

JEAN LOUIS ERNEST MEISSONIER, perhaps the greatest genre painter of his day and century, is dead.

DR. GATLING AND HIS GUN.

DR. R. J. GATLING is the subject of an interesting article in the N. Y. *Times* of Jan. 25, which says of him: "The doctor is 72 years old now, with snow-white hair and whiskers, but he can talk as fast, as smoothly, as entertainingly, as persuasively as ever, and he is—to use a good old Connecticut phrase—'as keen as a brier.' Tall, straight, gracefully proportioned, and of easy carriage, he is also an interesting and pleasing person to look upon."

The doctor gave the reporter an interesting history of his machine-gun. Gen. Ripley, who was Chief of Ordnance when it first appeared, refused absolutely to look at it. "We don't want any new-fangled guns," he said. "The old muzzle-loading musket is good enough. That's what Gen. Scott won the battle of Lundy's Lane with and we don't need anything better now. There's nothing like handling a ramrod in the face of the enemy to give men courage and nerve. No, sir, we don't want anything better than we've got now."

Gen. Butler as soon as he saw it took the original lot of six guns at \$1,000 apiece, but Stanton would not issue ammunition for them. When Dr. Gatling went to Washington after the war, Ripley wasn't there any more. In his place there was a wide-awake man, Gen. Dyer, a man who wanted to keep up with the times, and he showed a great interest in the Gatling gun, and an order was given for the trial of the gun, with canister cartridges, in competition with howitzers at Fort Monroe. Describing the trial, Dr. Gatling said:

When I got down to the place of trial I found that some of the officers had put up a job on me. They didn't want my gun to do better work than the howitzers, which were a regular arm of the Service. I found that to work my gun they had assigned a lot of plantation darkies, raw recruits just in from the farm, who didn't know any more about a gun than a horse does about his uncle. For the working of the howitzers they had set apart a number of picked men. I protested. I said I wanted a measurably fair deal.

"Give me an hour," I said, "to drill these darkies." That wasn't much time, but it was better than nothing. They gave me the hour, and I immediately established a school of gunnery and began the work of educating my crew. Just before the opening of the trial I gave each darky a dollar, and I said to him, "Now, do your best; this dollar is just to begin on."

I tell you those fellows worked like heroes. I beat the howitzers four to one, and the report went on to Washington to that effect. Soon after I got an order for 100 guns, and that was the first good order I had ever received. Since that time I have sold the gun all over Europe, and should have made a great deal of money out of it if each of the several Governments ordering had stuck to one calibre. The many changes in the calibre which we have been compelled to make have been very expensive. I haven't a doubt that we have thrown away patterns and machinery which cost us at least \$500,000, changes in calibre having made the patterns and machinery obsolete and valueless.

REVENUE MARINE.

THE Sundry Civil Bill reported to the House, Feb. 3, from the Committee on Appropriations, contains the following items for this service: For regular expenses, \$965,000, (an increase of \$10,000); for rebuilding revenue steamer *Ewing*, \$30,000.

Lieut. Horatio D. Smith, in command of the Chandler for the last five years, on the arrival of his commission as captain from Washington, received hearty congratulations on his promotion. Capt. Smith will probably be given the Charleston station in a short time.

THE ARMY.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, President and Commander-in-Chief.

REDFIELD PROCTOR, Secretary of War.

LEWIS A. GRANT, Assistant Secretary of War.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The nominations of the second lieutenants of the Signal Corps to be second lieutenants in the line of the Army, as published in the JOURNAL of Jan. 24, with the exception of Lieut. J. P. Finley, were confirmed Feb. 5.

The nominations of Lieut. Geo. F. Scriven, 3d Art., to be lieutenant in the Signal Corps, and 2d Lieut. John P. Finley, Signal Corps, to be second lieutenant, 19th Infantry, were confirmed February 5. These were held up in consequence of the protest of the latter against the former on the ground that he (Finley) was recommended by the Lawton board for the 4th lieutenancy in the new corps.

NOMINATIONS.

Ordnance Department.

FEB. 4.

Lieut.-Col. Alfred Mordecai, to be colonel, Jan. 31, vice Flagler, appointed Chief of Ordnance.
Major Wm. A. Marye, to be lieutenant-colonel, Jan. 31, vice Mordecai, promoted.
Capt. Cullen Bryant, to be major, Jan. 31, vice Marye, promoted.

Cavalry.

1st Lieut. Francis H. Hardie, 3d Cav., to be captain of cavalry, Jan. 31, vice Allen, 3d Cav., appointed captain in Signal Corps.
1st Lieut. George K. Hunter, 3d Cav., to be captain of cavalry, Feb. 1, vice Reynolds, 3d Cav., resigned.
2d Lieut. Wm. S. Scott, 1st Cav., to be 1st lieutenant of cavalry, Jan. 15, vice Mann, 7th Cav., who died of wounds received in action with Indians.
2d Lieut. Danl. L. Tate, 1st Cav., to be 1st lieutenant of cavalry, Jan. 31, vice Hardie, 3d Cav., promoted.
2d Lieut. George W. Goode, 1st Cav., to be 1st lieutenant of cavalry, Feb. 1, vice Hunter, 3d Cav., promoted.

Artillery.

1st Lieut. Samuel R. Jones, R. Q. M., 4th Art., to be captain of artillery, Jan. 24, vice Dunwoody, appointed major Signal Corps.

Infantry.

Lieut. Col. Richard F. O'Beirne, 15th Inf., to be colonel of infantry, Jan. 31, vice Morrow, 21st Inf., deceased.
Major Samuel Ovenshine, 23d Inf., to be lieutenant-colonel of infantry, vice O'Beirne, 15th Inf., promoted.
Capt. James Henton, 23d Inf., to be major of infantry, vice Ovenshine, 23d Inf., promoted.
1st Lieut. Calvin D. Cowles, 23d Inf., to be captain of infantry, vice Henton, 23d Inf., promoted.
2d Lieut. John Cotter, 15th Inf., to be 1st lieutenant of infantry, Jan. 6, vice Waring, 2d Inf., appointed R. Q. M.
2d Lieut. Benj. Alvord, 20th Inf., to be 1st lieutenant of infantry, Jan. 7, vice Casey, 23d Inf., murdered by an Indian.
2d Lieut. Wm. H. Sage, 8th Inf., to be 1st lieutenant of infantry, Jan. 15, vice Pratt, 23d Inf., promoted.
2d Lieut. George H. Patten, 23d Inf., to be 1st lieutenant of infantry, Jan. 24, vice Thompson, appointed captain in Signal Corps.
2d Lieut. Magnus O. Hollis, 4th Inf., to be 1st lieutenant of infantry, Jan. 31, vice Cowles, 23d Inf., promoted.

G. O. S. H. Q. A., Jan. 27, 1891.

The following act of Congress is published for the information and government of all concerned:

An act to amend sections 1346 and 1348 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in reference to the visitation and inspection of the military prison and examination of its accounts and government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections thirteen hundred and forty-six and thirteen hundred and forty-eight of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same are hereby, amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1346. The Secretary of War shall, with said Commissioner, annually, and as much oftener as may be deemed expedient, visit said prison for the purposes of examination, inspection, and correction; and they shall inquire into all abuses or neglects of duty on the part of the officers or other persons in charge of the same, and make such changes in the general discipline of the prison as they may hold to be essential.

Sec. 1348. One of the inspectors-general of the Army shall, at least once each year, visit the prison for the purpose of examining into the books and all the affairs thereof, and ascertaining whether the laws, rules and regulations relating thereto are complied with, the officers are competent and faithful, and the convicts properly governed and employed, and at the same time treated with humanity and kindness. And it shall be the duty of the inspector, at once, to make full report thereof to the Secretary of War."

Approved, January 19, 1891.

By command of Major-Gen. Schofield:

J. C. KELTON, Adjutant-General.

G. O. 10, H. Q. A., Jan. 28, 1891.

Publishes the order from the War Department of Jan. 28, 1891, of the tract of land located in the city of Houston, Texas, and known as block 108, which was occupied by the Republic of Texas at the date of annexation of that Republic to the United States as the site of a magazine, be turned over to the Secretary of the Interior for disposition.

G. O. 11, H. Q. A., Jan. 30, 1891.

In connection with paragraphs Nos. 959 and 965 of the Regulations, the following is promulgated for the guidance of all concerned:

Every officer ordered to inspect a post or other command of troops will furnish the commanding officer a statement, in writing, of all irregularities and deficiencies which may have come under his notice, which statement will be kept on file at the headquarters of that command for the information of future commanding officers and future inspectors.

The commanding officer will, as soon as practicable, report to the commander who ordered the inspection what remedies he has applied, or will apply, with his recommendations respecting any which may not be within his power or authority. These reports will be forwarded, without delay, with appropriate remarks or recommendations, to Headquarters of the Army.

Every officer whose duty it may be to take action on the inspection reports resulting from the requirements of paragraphs 954 of the Regulations will note on the report the action taken by him, and will make a supplementary report of the results of such action to the Headquarters of the Army, for the information of the Commanding General. All such reports will be forwarded without unnecessary delay, so that the Commanding General may know what remedial action is required of him. After such reports have received the action of the Commanding General they will be filed with the inspection reports in the office of the Inspector-General of the Army.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:

J. C. KELTON, Adjutant-General.

G. O. 12, H. Q. A., Jan. 31, 1891.

The following order of the President, received from the War Department, is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, JANUARY 30, 1891.

SIR: The Honorable William Windom, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, died suddenly last night, in the city of New York, at the hour of eleven minutes past ten o'clock, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

Thus has passed away a man of pure life, an official of stainless integrity, distinguished by long and eminent service in both branches of Congress, and by being twice called to administer the National Finances.

His death has caused deep regret throughout the country, while to the President and those who associated with him in the administration of the Government it comes as a personal sorrow.

The President directs that all the Departments of the Executive branch of the Government, and the officers subordinate thereto, shall manifest due respect to the memory of this eminent citizen in a manner consonant with the dignity of the office which he has honored by his devotion to public duty.

The President further directs that the Treasury Department, in all its branches in this Capital, be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days, that on the day of the funeral the several Executive Departments shall be closed, and that on all public buildings throughout the United States the national flag shall be displayed at half-mast.

Very respectfully,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:
J. C. KELTON, Adjutant-General.

G. O. 2, DIV. OF THE MISSOURI, Jan. 30, 1891.

I. In addition to the duties assigned Capt. Ezra P. Ewers, 5th Infantry, at Tongue River Agency, Montana, as prescribed in General Orders No. 2, Headquarters Division of the Missouri, in the Field, Pine Ridge, S. D., January 12, 1891, he will perform the duties of Acting Indian Agent at Fort Keogh, Montana. He will be governed by the laws and regulations pertaining to said office.

II. With the approval of the Secretary of War transmitted by the Major-General Commanding the Army in telegram from the Adjutant-General, dated January 20, 1891, Lieutenant-Colonel William F. Drum, 12th Infantry, will, in addition to his present duties, exercise over the Indians at Standing Rock Agency, North Dakota, such military supervision and control as may be necessary without interfering unnecessarily with the routine administration of the agents of the Indian Bureau under the prescribed regulations of the Interior Department.

III. Lieutenant-Colonel Drum will be further governed, in the exercise of the above described duty, by the provisions of paragraphs III, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII, General Orders No. 2, Headquarters Division of the Missouri, in the Field, Pine Ridge, S. D., January 12, 1891.

By command of Major-General Miles:
H. C. CORBIN, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

G. O. 2, DEPT. OF THE MISSOURI, Jan. 29, 1891.

Under provisions of A. B. 1762, Major William J. Volkmar, assistant adjutant-general, is designated as chief signal officer of the Department.

By command of Brig.-Gen. Merritt:
WM. J. VOLKMAR, Asst. Adjt.-Gen.

HDQRS. DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
IN THE FIELD.
CAMP AT PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., Jan. 23, 1891.
G. F. O. No. 3.

1. The colonel, lieutenant-colonel, Majors Emil Adam and Tullius C. Tupper, headquarters, band, and Troops A, E, F, G, I and K, 6th Cavalry, are assigned to station at Fort Niobrara, Neb.

Major David Perry and Troops C, D and H, 6th Cavalry, are assigned to station at Fort McKinney, Wyo.

2. The colonel, lieutenant-colonel, headquarters, band, and Companies A and H, 8th Infantry, will change station from Fort Niobrara, Neb., to Fort McKinney, Wyo.

3. Troops A and G, 9th Cavalry, will change station from Fort Niobrara, Neb., to Fort Robinson, Neb.

4. Troop D, 9th Cavalry, will change station from Fort McKinney, Wyo., to Fort Robinson, Neb.

5. The necessary orders for carrying into effect the above changes will be issued from these headquarters at the proper time.

6. Major Guy V. Henry, 9th Cavalry, is relieved from duty at Fort McKinney, and will change station to Fort Robinson, Neb.

By command of Brig.-Gen. Brooke:
C. M. TRUITT, Aide-de-Camp.

G. O. 4, DEPT. OF DAKOTA, Jan. 26, 1891.

Under authority of Section II of G. O. 119, 1890, Headquarters of the Army, the following text books are designated for use in post schools in this Department:

McGuffey's Alternate Spelling Book.

McGuffey's Revised Readers—five volumes in the series.

Spencerian Copy Books—common school course, revised edition, Nos. 1 to 5.

Robinson's Complete Arithmetic.

Barnes' Brief History of the United States.

Swinton's Complete Geography.

By command of Brig.-Gen. Ruger:
M. BARBER, Asst. Adjt.-Gen.

STAFF CORPS AND DEPARTMENTS.

Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments.

Post Q. M. Sergt. Julius Muller will be discharged March 3, 1891 (S. O. 14, Jan. 26, D. Dak.).

The Comdg. General Dept. Platte will grant a furlough for four months to Post Q. M. Sergt. Edgar C. Graham, on duty at Ft. Washakie, Wyo. (S. O., Feb. 4, H. Q. A.).

Capt. Charles P. Eagan, U. S., on leave, will report to the examining board at Vancouver Barracks, for examination by the board as to his fitness for promotion (S. O., Jan. 29, H. Q. A.).

Capt. Henry B. Osgood, U. S., having reported, is assigned to duty as assistant to Chief Comy. Sub., with station in Omaha (S. O. 10, Jan. 31, D. Platte.).

Pay Department.

The following assignment is made for payments due Jan. 31: Major F. S. Dodge, paymaster, Boise Barracks, Ft. Walla Walla and Sherman. Major J. C. Muhlenberg, paymaster, Vancouver Barracks and Ordnance Depot and Ft. Townsend (S. O. 10, Jan. 23, D. Columbia.).

Payments of troops for muster of Jan. 31 will be made as follows: Lieut.-Col. Thaddeus H. Stanton, D. P. G., Ft. Niobrara, Neb., Rosebud and Pine Ridge Agencies, S. D., Ft. Robinson, Neb., and Ft. Meade, S. D. Major William E. O'Leary, Ft. Douglas, Utah, and Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo. Major William H. Comegys, Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo., and Ft. Sidney, Neb. Major John P. Baker, Ft. Omaha and Omaha Ordnance Depot, Neb. (S. O. 8, Jan. 28, D. Platte.).

Major G. W. Candee will proceed to, and pay the troops at the following named posts on the muster of Jan. 31: Ft. Sheridan and Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., and Ft. Wayne, Mich. (S. O. 10, Feb. 4, Div. M.).

Medical Department.

Major William H. Gardner, surg., will return to his proper station (S. F. O. 25, Jan. 22, Div. M.).

Major R. M. O'Reilly, surg., will return to Ft. Logan, Colo., with Cos. E and F, 7th Inf., from Ft. Sully (S. O. 13, Jan. 24, D. Dak.).

Hospl. Stwd. John H. Sanborn will rejoin his proper station, Jefferson Barracks, Mo. (S. O. 14, Jan. 26, D. Dak.).

Leave for six months, with permission to go beyond sea, is granted Major Julius H. Patzki, surg. (S. O. 10, Jan. 20, H. Q. A.).

A. A. Surg. A. F. Steigers is relieved from temporary duty at Angel Island, Cal., and will return to Alcatraz Island (S. O. 9, Jan. 29, D. Cal.).

Pvt. Robert Donovan, Hospl. Corps, will be discharged Feb. 28, by the C. O., Ft. Brady, Mich. (S. O. 18, Jan. 31, Div. A.).

Major Calvin De Witt, surg., Ft. Hancock, Tex., will report at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., for duty (S. O., Feb. 3, H. Q. A.).

The following changes in the stations of enlisted men of the Hospital Corps are made: Hospl. Stwd. Walter Newburn is relieved from duty at Ft. Monro, Va., reporting upon his arrival to the C. O., to relieve Pvt. Joseph Meisel, act. hospl. stwd. Pvt. Meisel, upon being relieved, will proceed to Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y., to relieve Hospl. Stwd. John W. Barney, who will report for duty to the attending surgeon New York City, N. Y. (S. O., Feb. 4, H. Q. A.).

The leave for seven days granted Capt. William B. Davis, asst. surg., Ft. Probie, Mo., is extended 23 days, with permission to apply for a further extension of one month (S. O. 22, Feb. 5, Div. A.).

Engineer and Ordnance Departments.

The C. O., Willets Point, N. Y., will grant a furlough for three months, from Feb. 15 to May 15, to 1st Class Private George Seman, Co. C, Battln. Engineers, Willets Point, N. Y. (S. O., Jan. 30, H. Q. A.).

Leave for 30 days, beginning about Feb. 1, is granted 2d Lieut. James J. Meyler, C. E. (S. O. 7, Jan. 30, C. E.).

Brig.-Gen. Daniel W. Flagg, Chief of Ordnance, will repair to Washington and assume the duties of his office (S. O., Jan. 31, H. Q. A.).

Lieut.-Col. Joseph P. Farley, O. D., will proceed to the steel works of Johnson and Co., Spuyten Duyvil, N. Y., and the West Point Foundry on official business in connection with the inspection of steel projectiles and pneumatic dynamite guns (S. O., Feb. 3, H. Q. A.).

1st Lieut. Beverly W. Dunn, O. D., now on duty at the works of the Standard Steel Casting Company, Thurlow, Pa., will report in person to 1st Lieut. Frank E. Hobbs, O. D., Bethlehem Iron Company, South Bethlehem, Pa., for temporary duty (S. O., Feb. 4, H. Q. A.).

Signal Corps.

Sergt. George H. Penrod will proceed from Hatteras, N. C., to Carthage, N. M., and assume charge of that station. Corpl. Wayland Bailey will proceed from Carthage, N. M., to Ft. Sill, O. T., and assume charge of that station. Sergt. James J. Fitzgerald will proceed from Alpena, Mich., to Ft. Wayne, Mich., and carry out special instructions (S. O. 9, Jan. 30, Sig. Office.).

Sergt. Dunn, S. C., a favorite with many in New York City, has resumed duty at the Equitable Building after a long illness.

Chaplains.

Post Chaplain Edward J. Vattman, having reported, is assigned to duty at Ft. Meade, S. D. (S. O. 14, Jan. 26, D. Dak.).

Leave for one month is granted Post Chaplain M. C. Blaine (S. O. 11, Feb. 2, Dept. M.).

THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

1st Cavalry, Colonel James S. Brislin.

Hdqs., A, B, D, E, G, and K, Ft. Custer, Mont.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C, F, and H, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.

2d Lieut. G. H. Macdonald is detailed to command a company of Indian scouts to be enlisted at Pine Ridge Agency (S. O. 12, Jan. 26, D. Dak.).

In view of S. O. 21, H. Q. A., detailing 2d Lieut. Godfrey H. Macdonald on college duty, his detail to command a company of Indian scouts at Pine Ridge Agency, S. D., is revoked (S. O. 16, Jan. 29, D. Dak.).

The order detailing 2d Lieut. Godfrey H. Macdonald as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Grove City College, Grove City, Pa., is revoked (S. O., Jan. 31, H. Q. A.).

Sergt. Thomas Stewart, Troop I, will proceed to Fort Leavenworth and report for duty (S. F. O. 9, Jan. 26, D. Platte.).

A correspondent of Troop D, 1st Cav., writing from Camp on Little Missouri River, Jan. 15, says: "The troop is in fine trim and spirits and will give a good account of themselves if they have anything to do. We are 90 miles northwest of Meade and are patiently awaiting orders. The country is alive with couriers, wagons, and pack trains, and the unanimous injunction to the Sioux by those citizens who reap the golden profit thereof would doubtless be 'do it again.'"

2nd Cavalry, Colonel David R. Clendenin.

Hdqs., C, D, and H, Ft. Wingate, N. M.; G, Ft. Stanton, N. M.; B and I, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; A and K, Ft. Bowie, Ariz.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; E, San Carlos, Ariz.

The journey performed by Capt. Eli L. Huggins, A. D. C., from Chicago to Fort Sheridan, was necessary for the public service (S. O. 8, Jan. 31, Div. M.).

Capt. Eli L. Huggins, A. D. C., will proceed to Fort Sheridan, Ill., to carry out the special instructions of the Division Commander (S. O. 9, Feb. 3, Div. M.).

3rd Cavalry, Colonel Albert G. Brackett.

Hdqs., and G, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; F, Ft. Davis, Tex.; D, H, I, and K, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; C, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; B, Ft. Brown, Tex.; A, Eagle Pass, Tex.; E, Camp Pecos, Colorado, Tex.

1st Lieut. James O. Mackay, recruiting officer, Elmira, N. Y., will proceed to Corning, N. Y., and establish a temporary branch rendezvous (S. O. 21, Jan. 28, Rec. Ser.).

The resignation of Capt. Bainbridge Reynolds has been accepted by the President, to take effect Feb. 1, 1891 (S. O., Jan. 29, H. Q. A.).

Leave for six months on account of disability, to take effect from Jan. 11, is granted Lieut.-Col. John J. Upham (S. O., Jan. 31, H. Q. A.).

S. O. 28, granting Lieut.-Col. John J. Upham leave for six months on account of disability, is amended to grant leave to take effect from Jan. 11, 1891 (S. O., Feb. 3, H. Q. A.).

Sergt. E. F. Banks, Troop D, for wilfully destroying shaving material in the wash-room and barber shop of his company, and removing a locker therefrom, has been reduced to the ranks and mulcted \$30.

4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton.

Hdqs., A, C, D, and H, Ft. Walla Walla, Wash.; I and K, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; G, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; E, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; F, Boise Bks., Idaho; B, Ft. Myer, Va.

Capt. William A. Thompson is relieved from duty in connection with inspection of cavalry horses at Boise Barracks, and will return to his station (S. O. 11, Jan. 24, D. Columbia.).

1st Lieut. Fred Wheeler is designated to inspect cavalry horses at Boise Barracks for Troop G (S. O. 11, Jan. 24, D. Columbia.).

1st Lieut. James B. Erwin will repair to Montgomery, Ala., and report to the Governor of Alabama for temporary duty in connection with the militia (S. O., Jan. 29, H. Q. A.).

Corpl. Albert Hall, Troop D, will be discharged Feb. 23 (S. O. 11, Jan. 24, D. Columbia.).

Sergt. James H. Skimington, Troop K, will be discharged the Service of the U. S. Feb. 15 (S. O. 7, Jan. 29, D. Cal.).

A neat roster of N. C. O., 4th U. S. Cavalry, reaches us this week through the courtesy of Sergt.-Major Roecker. There are 107 N. C. O. in all.

5th Cavalry, Colonel James F. Wade.

Hdqs., B, C, E, G, and K, Ft. Reno, Okh. T.; D and H, Ft. Sill, Okh. T.; A and F, Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Leave for twenty-one days is granted Capt. A. E. Woodson (S. O. 11, Feb. 2, Dept. M.).

6th Cavalry, Colonel Eugene A. Carr.

Hdqs., A, E, F, G, and K, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C, D, and H, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; B, Ft. Myer, Va.; I, Camp Sheridan, Wyo.

Upon the recommendation of the attending surgeon, approved by the regimental commander, Lieut.-Col. Albert P. Morrow will proceed to Fort Niobrara for medical treatment (S. F. O. 5, Jan. 21, D. Platte.).

Leave for two months, with permission to apply for an extension of two months, is granted Col. Eugene A. Carr (S. F. O. 25, Jan. 22, Div. M.).

Leave for two months, with permission to apply for an extension of two months, is granted Capt. Adam Kramer (S. F. O. 26, Jan. 24, Div. M.).

Leave for two months, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted 2d Lieut. Alonzo Gray (S. F. O. 26, Jan. 24, Div. M.).

Capt. John B. Kerr and ten enlisted men are detailed to accompany the Division Commander from Pine Ridge Agency, S. D., to Chicago, Ill. (S. F. O. 27, Jan. 25, Div. M.).

Leave for one month, to take effect upon arrival of his troop at Fort Niobrara, is granted Capt. Frank West (S. O. 9, Jan. 29, D. Platte.).

The C. O., Fort Thomas will send Pvt. Charles H. Allen, Troop E, to join his troop at Fort Niobrara (S. O. 19, Feb. 2, Div. A.).

7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, G, I, and K, Ft. Riley, Kas.; F and H, Ft. Sill, Okh. T.

Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. E. P. Brewer (S. O. 11, Feb. 2, Dept. M.).

In Orders 18, of Jan. 27, Major Whitlase, commanding at Fort Riley, publishes for the special information of Troops A, B, C, D, E, G, I, and K, and Light Bat. E, 1st Art., a despatch from Hdqs. Dept. of Missouri to C. O. 7th Cavalry, conveying Gen. Merritt's hearty welcome to the regiment upon its return home and his commendation for its splendid conduct in the field.

8th Cavalry, Colonel Elmer Otis.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, and I, Ft. Meade, S. D.; H and K, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; E, Ft. Buford, N. D.; F and G, Ft. Yates, N. D.

2d Lieut. J. C. Byron is detailed to command a company of Indian scouts to be enlisted at Pine Ridge Agency (S. O. 14, Jan. 26, D. Dak.).

Sergt. James Wilson, Troop K, on furlough, will be discharged (S. O., Feb. 3, H. Q. A.).

9th Cavalry, Colonel Joseph G. Tilford.

Hdqs., A, D, F, G, H, I, and K, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; B, Ft. Du Chene, Utah; E, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; C, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

1st Lieut. Chas. W. Taylor, comdg. Indian Scouts, will proceed to Fort Robinson on public business and await telegraphic instructions from the Division Commander (S. F. O. 26, Jan. 24, Div. M.).

Capt. John S. Loud will proceed from camp near Pine Ridge Agency to Fort McKinney, Wyo., to superintend packing and shipment of property pertaining to Troop D, with a view to its transfer to Fort Robinson (S. O. 6, Jan. 24, D. Platte.).

Leave for seven days is granted 1st Lieut. John F. Guilfoyle, Fort Robinson (S. O. 7, Jan. 27, D. Platte.).

Major Guy V. Henry, now in camp seven miles south of Pine Ridge Agency, will report at Hdqs. Dept. of Platte for consultation with the Commanding General (S. O. 9, Jan. 29, D. Platte.).

10th Cavalry, Colonel John K. Misner.

Hdqs., F, and G, Ft. Grant, A. T.; B, E, H, and I, Ft. Apache, A. T.; K, Ft. Thomas, A. T.; A, San Carlos, A. T.; C and D, Ft. Bayard, N. M.

1st Artillery, Colonel Loomis L. Langdon.

Hdqs., A, G, I, and K, Ft. Hamilton, N. Y.; C, D, and J, Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y.; E, Ft. Riley, Kas.; B, H, and M, Ft. Columbus, N. Y.; F, Ft. Monroe, Va.

1st Lieut. John L. Chamberlin is relieved from further duty with his battery and will proceed to Washington Navy-yard and resume his duties (S. F. O. 23, Jan. 20, Div. M.).

2d Lieut. William G. Haan is transferred to the 5th Artillery—Bat. M, at Fort Mason, Cal. (S. O., Jan. 29, H. Q. A.).

The following transfers are ordered: 1st Lieut. Frank S. Rice, from Bat. A to H; 1st Lieut. Charles H. Hunter, from Bat. H to Bat. A (S. O., Feb. 3, H. Q. A.).

2d Lieut. Fremont P. Peck will report to the Board of Officers at the Army Building, N. Y. City, Feb.

17, for examination with view to selection for transfer to the O. D. (S. O., Feb. 4, H. Q. A.)
The C. O. Fort Monroe, Va., will send 1st Sergt. John Schmetzer, Bat. F, to report at Fort Wayne to 1st Lieut. Cornelius Gardner, 19th Inf., J.-A. of G. C.-M. (S. O. 22, Feb. 5, Div. A.)

2nd Artillery, Colonel John Mendenhall.

Hdqs., C. G. and H. Ft. Adams, R. I.; 1, Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; E. Ft. Proble, Me.; B and D, Ft. Warren, Mass.; A, Ft. Riley, Kas.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; I, Ft. Monroe, Va.; K and M, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.
* Light battery.

The leave on Surgeon's certificate granted 1st Lieut. George F. E. Harrison is extended fifteen days on Surgeon's certificate (S. O., Jan. 29, H. Q. A.)
2d Lieut. Richmond P. Davis will proceed to New York City on public business (S. O. 18, Jan. 31, Div. A.)
The extension of leave on Surgeon's certificate granted 1st Lieut. Melzer C. Richards is further extended three months on account of sickness (S. O., Feb. 3, H. Q. A.)

The leave for seven days granted 2d Lieut. Wiloughby Walke, Fort Monroe, is extended twenty-one days (S. O. 19, Feb. 2, Div. A.)

4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdqs., C. D. K. and L. Ft. McPherson, Ga.; B, Ft. Adams, R. I.; F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; E and H, Ft. Monroe, Va.; J, Jackson Bks., La.; A and M, Ft. Barrancas, Fla.; K and G, St. Francis Barracks, Fla.
* Light battery.

1st Lieut. Leverett H. Walker is detailed as counsel for Sergt. John Bourke, Bat. M, and Musician Patrick Carroll, Bat. A, ordered for trial before the G. C.-M. at Fort Barrancas (S. O. 21, Feb. 4, Div. A.)

Ludwig Wendell, discharged this week from Cushing's light battery at Fort Adams by expiration of term of service, is a German, served in the German Army for seven years, and is said to be heir to his grandmother's property worth \$25,000, and a son of Capt. Wendell, who was aide-de-camp to Prince Frederick Carl of Prussia.

5th Artillery, Colonel Alex. Piper.

Hdqs., B, D, F, and H, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; M, Ft. Mason, Cal.; E and I, Ft. Canby, Wash.; A and J, Alcatraz Island, Cal.; G, Ft. Monroe, Va.; K, Angel Island, Cal.; C, Honolulu Bks., Cal.
* Light battery.

1st Lieut. Albert C. Blunt is relieved as member of G. C.-M. (S. O. 7, Jan. 29, D. Cal.)

2d Lieut. William Lassiter is transferred to the 1st Artillery—Bat. H, at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H. (S. O., Jan. 29, H. Q. A.)

2d Lieut. John D. Miley will report to the Board of Officers at New York City, for examination with view to selection for transfer to the Ord. Dept. (S. O., Feb. 3, H. Q. A.)

1st Infantry, Colonel William R. Shafter.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, G, and H, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; F, Ft. Gaston, Cal.

There were but two desertions from the 1st Inf. between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 1890. One of these was a Virginian, the other a German.

2nd Infantry, Colonel Frank Wheaton.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Omaha, Neb.

1st Lieut. Charles W. Rowell is detailed as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Grove City College, Grove City, Pa. (S. O., Jan. 31, H. Q. A.)

3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason.

Hdqs., A, D, E, and G, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; C and F, Ft. Meade, S. D.; B and H, Ft. Sully, S. D.

Co. H (Hobart's) will proceed to Fort Sully for station (S. O. 13, Jan. 24, D. Dak.)

Co. B (Thompson's) will proceed from Fort Meade to Fort Sully for station (S. O. 13, Jan. 24, D. Dak.)

4th Infantry, Colonel William P. Carlin.

Hdqs., D, E, F, and H, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; A, B, and G, Ft. Spokane, Wash.; C, Boise Barracks, Idaho.

5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.

Hdqs., D, and E, Ft. Bliss, Tex.; B and C, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; A and G, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; H, Ft. Hancock, Tex.; F, Ft. Davis, Tex.

2d Lieut. James E. Wilson is appointed recruiting officer at Fort Hancock (S. O. 8, Jan. 26, D. Tex.)

1st Lieut. John C. F. Tillson, Adj't., is appointed recruiting officer at Fort Bliss (S. O. 8, Jan. 26, D. Tex.)

The leave on Surgeon's certificate granted Capt. Charles E. Hargous is extended until further orders on account of disability (S. O., Jan. 29, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Frank D. Baldwin is relieved from further duty as Acting Inspector-General, Div. of Missouri (G. O. 3, Feb. 2, Div. M.)

1st Lieut. Thos. M. Woodruff will report at once to Col. Edwin F. Townsend, 12th Inf., president Examining Board at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., for examination as to his fitness for promotion (S. O., Feb. 4, H. Q. A.)

6th Infantry, Colonel Melville A. Cochran.

Hdqs., F, and G, Ft. Thomas, Ky.; E, Newport Barracks, Ky.; A, Ft. Wood, N. Y. H.; B and D, Ft. Porter, N. Y.; C, Ft. Ontario, N. Y.; H, Flatbush Barracks, N. Y.

The resignation by Capt. Richard E. Thompson, Signal Corps, of his commission as 1st Lieutenant, 6th Inf., only, has been accepted by the President, to take effect Jan. 24, 1891 (S. O., Jan. 29, H. Q. A.)

7th Infantry, Colonel Henry C. Merriam.

Hdqs., B, C, D, E, F, and G, Ft. Logan, Colo.; A, Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Co. H (Sanno's) will return from Fort Sully to its station, Fort Leavenworth (S. O. 18, Jan. 24, D. Dak.)

Cos. E (Burnett's) and F (Jackson's) will proceed from Fort Sully to their proper station, Fort Logan, Colo. (S. O. 13, Jan. 24, D. Dak.)

Capt. A. H. Jackson is relieved from duty as recruiting officer at Fort Logan, and 1st Lieut. A. B. Johnson, Adj't., is appointed in his stead (S. O. 11, Feb. 2, Dept. M.)

8th Infantry, Colonel August V. Kautz.

Hdqs., A, E, and H, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; C and D, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; F, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; B and G, Ft. Omaha, Neb.

Leave for one month is granted Capt. Daniel T. Wells, Fort Niobrara, with permission to apply for an extension of one month (S. O. 7, Jan. 27, D. Platte.)

The leave for one month granted Capt. Daniel T. Wells is extended one month (S. O. 8, Jan. 31, Div. M.)

Leave for twenty-five days is granted 2d Lieut. George W. Rutherford, Fort Niobrara (S. O. 10, Jan. 31, D. Platte.)

An enthusiastic correspondent sends us some verses on the merits of Co. E, 8th Inf. (Savage's, the gist of which is that if you want to see soldiers who are soldiers call on Co. E at Fort McKinney.

9th Infantry, Colonel Charles G. Bartlett.

Hdqs., B, C, and H, Whipple Bks., A. T.; E, San Diego Bks., Cal.; D and G, Ft. Huachuca, A. T.; A and F, Ft. Wingate, N. M.

Capt. Jesse M. Lee, having been assigned to duty at Rosebud Agency, S. D., will proceed to that point in charge of certain Brule Indians (S. F. O. 27, Jan. 25, Div. M.)

Sergt. Webster L. Hatcher, Co. D, will join his company at Fort Huachuca (S. O. 10, Jan. 23, D. Ariz.)

10th Infantry, Colonel Henry Douglass.

Hdqs., and D, Ft. Marcy, N. M.; C and H, Ft. Union, N. M.; E, Ft. Lewis, Colo.; B, Ft. Stanton, N. M.; A and F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; G, Oklahoma, O. T.

The C. O. Fort Stanton will grant Corp'l Henry Wesel, Co. B, a furlough for six months, with permission to go beyond sea (S. O. 9, Jan. 21, D. Ariz.)

Sergt. J. O. Gallagher, Co. A, recently tried at Fort Leavenworth, for, while sergeant of the post guard, allowing a prisoner to escape, has been acquitted.

11th Infantry, Colonel Richard I. Dodge.

Hdqs., A, B, D, F, G, and H, Madison Bks., N. Y.; C and E, Ft. Niagara, N. Y.

The Q. M. Dept. will furnish transportation from Fort Thomas, Ky., to Madison Barracks, N. Y., to Pvt. Henry J. Smith, Co. A, a furloughed soldier (S. O. 18, Jan. 31, Div. A.)

12th Infantry, Colonel Edwin F. Townsend.

Hdqs., and E, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; G and H, Ft. Yates, N. D.; B, C, and D, Ft. Sully, S. D.; F, Ft. A. Lincoln, N. D.; A, Ft. Bennett, S. D.

1st Lieut. W. O. Clark is detailed to command a company of Indian scouts to be enlisted at Pine Ridge Agency (S. O. 14, Jan. 26, D. Dak.)

14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson.

Hdqs., B, C, D, E, F, and G, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; A, Ft. Townsend, Wash.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

2d Lieut. William R. Sample is relieved from further duty with Co. A, and will join his proper company (S. O., Jan. 29, H. Q. A.)

15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. A. Crofton.

Hdqs., E, and H, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; F, Ft. Buford, N. D.; C, Ft. Randall, S. D.; B, Ft. Pembina, N. D.; A and G, Mt. Vernon Barracks, Ala.; D, Jackson Barracks, La.

2d Lieut. Blanton C. Welsh will proceed to Fort Sam Houston and report to Lieut.-Col. Joseph C. Bailey, Asst. Medical Purveyor, president Examining Board, for examination by the Board as to his professional qualifications for promotion (S. O., Jan. 31, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieut. James A. Maney is appointed Adjutant, Feb. 1, vice 1st Lieut. Geo. K. McGunnegle, assigned to Co. E (Orders 4, Feb. 1, 15th Inf.)

The N. C. staff and band will proceed to Fort Sheridan and report to the Colonel for station (S. O. 15, Jan. 27, D. Dak.)

16th Infantry, Colonel Matthew M. Blunt.

Hdqs., B, D, E, G, and H, Ft. Douglas, Utah; A, C, and F, Ft. Du Chesse, Utah.

The leave on surgeon's certificate granted Lieut.-Col. Wm. H. Penrose is extended three months on surgeon's certificate (S. O., Feb. 4, H. Q. A.)

17th Infantry, Colonel Henry R. Misner.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo.

1st Lieut. Daniel H. Brush, recruiting officer, Rochester, N. Y., will proceed to Albion, N. Y., and establish a temporary branch rendezvous (S. O. 21, Jan. 28, Rec. Ser.)

18th Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Laselle.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Clark, Tex.

The C. O. Fort Clark will grant a furlough for three months to Sergt. William C. Sutt, Band (S. O. 9, Jan. 29, D. Tex.)

20th Infantry, Colonel Elwell S. Otis.

Hdqs., A, B, D, E, G, and H, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; C and F, Camp Poplar River, Mont.

Leave for two months, to take effect about March 1, is granted 2d Lieut. Wilson Chase (S. O. 8, Jan. 31, Div. M.)

21st Infantry, Colonel Henry A. Morrow.

Hdqs., A, C, E, and G, Ft. Sidney, Neb.; B, D, F, and H, Ft. Douglas, Utah.

Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. Edward H. Brooke, with permission to apply for an extension of one month (S. O. 6, Jan. 24, D. Platte.)

23rd Infantry, Colonel John J. Coppinger.

Hdqs., A, E, F, and H, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; B, C, D, and G, Ft. Davis, Tex.

1st Lieut. S. A. Dyer is relieved as recruiting officer at Fort Hancock (S. O. 8, Jan. 26, D. Tex.)

2d Lieut. J. E. Normoyle is relieved as recruiting officer at Fort Bliss (S. O. 8, Jan. 26, D. Tex.)

24th Infantry, Colonel Zenas R. Bliss.

Hdqs., A, D, E, and H, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; B and C, Ft. Grant, Ariz.; E and G, San Carlos, Ariz.

2d Lieut. Charles E. Tayman is directed to report in person March 1, 1891, to the C. O. of U. S. Infantry and Cavalry School, Fort Leavenworth, for special instruction preparatory to his detail as a student officer of the school (S. O., Jan. 31, H. Q. A.)

Sergt. Wm. H. Barkley, Co. E, will join his company at San Carlos (S. O. 10, Jan. 23, D. Ariz.)

25th Infantry, Colonel George L. Andrews.

Hdqs., F, G, and H, Ft. Missoula, Mont.; B, C, and E, Ft. Shaw, Mont.; A and D, Ft. Custer, Mont.

(For Late Army Orders see page 408.)

Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort Wingate, N. M., Jan. 27. Detail: Major James Jackson, 2d Cav.; Major Richard Combs and Capt. Alpheus H. Bowman, 9th Inf.; Capt. Colon Augur, Frank U. Robinson, and Edward J. McClelland, 1st Lieut. Lloyd M. Brett and Guy Carleton, and 2d Lieut. Robert E. L. Michie and John T. Nance, 2d Cav.; 2d Lieut. Charles W. Fenton and Ambrose I. Moriarty, 9th Inf.; 2d Lieut. Robert B. Wallace, 2d Cav.; and 1st Lieut. Curtis B. Hoppin, 2d Cav., J.-A. (S. O. 9, Jan. 21, D. Ariz.)

At Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., Feb. 2. Detail: Major Harry C. Egbert and Capt. Henry S. Howe, 17th Inf.; Capt. Aaron H. Appel, Asst. Surg.; Capt. William P. Rogers and James M. Burns, 1st Lieut. William A. Mann, James D. Nickerson, Edgar W. Howe, and Edward I. Grumley, 2d Lieut. Charles H. Muir, Lucius L. Durfee, William R. Dashiell, and Henry G. Lyon, 17th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Charles St. J. Chubb, 17th Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 7, Jan. 27, D. Platte.)

At Fort Omaha, Neb., Feb. 2. Detail: Capt. Charles A. Dempsey and James Miller, 2d Inf.; Capt. Wm. G. Spencer,

Asst. Surg.; Capt. James Ulio and Sidney E. Clark, 1st Lieut. William J. Turner, Henry H. Benham, and Virgil J. Brumbeck, 2d Lieut. Thomas H. Wilson, Harry R. Wilkins, Edward R. Chrisman, Edwin V. Bookmiller, and Hiram McJ. Powell, 2d Inf., and 1st Lieut. Charles W. Howell, 3d Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 1, Jan. 27, D. Platte.)

At Fort Sidney, Neb., Feb. 3. Detail: Capt. Louis S. Teson, Asst. Surg.; Capt. Frederick H. E. Blastein and Joseph W. Duncan, 1st Lieut. Harry L. Bailey, R. Q. M., and William V. Stamper, 2d Lieut. Frederick L. Palmer, Almon L. Parmerter, and James W. McAndrew, 21st Inf., and 1st Lieut. Solomon E. Sparrow, Adj't., 21st Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 7, Jan. 27, D. Platte.)

At Fort Sam Houston, Tex., Jan. 30. Detail: Capt. Joseph T. Haskell, 2d Inf.; Capt. George F. Chase, 3d Cav.; Capt. Orlando L. Wieting, 2d Inf.; 1st Lieut. Joseph T. Dickman, 3d Cav.; 1st Lieut. John A. Dapray, 23d Inf.; 1st Lieut. John W. Heard, 3d Cav.; 1st Lieut. George T. Bartlett, 2d Art.; 2d Lieut. John P. Ryan, 3d Cav.; 2d Lieut. Charles B. Hazard, 23d Inf.; and 2d Lieut. Daniel B. Devore, 23d Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 9, Jan. 29, D. Tex.)

At Fort Douglas, Utah, Feb. 5. Detail: Major John N. Andrews, Capt. Stephen P. Jocelyn, and Thomas H. Bradley, 21st Inf.; Capt. George H. Palmer and Samuel H. Whitall, 10th Inf.; Capt. Daniel Cornman and Willis Winick, 1st Lieut. Francis E. Eltonhead, 2d Lieut. Henry D. Syer and Edward W. McCaskey, 21st Inf.; 2d Lieut. Charles C. Ballou and John C. Grege, 10th Inf.; 2d Lieut. Edmund L. Butte, 21st Inf., and 1st Lieut. Lawrence J. Hearn, 21st Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 9, Jan. 29, D. Platte.)

At Fort McHenry, Md., Feb. 2. Detail: Capt. Charles B. Byrne, Asst. Surg.; Capt. George A. Thurston, 1st Lieut. Charles W. Hobbs, 2d Lieut. George O. Squier and George LeR. Irwin, 3d Art., and 1st Lieut. Charles G. Woodward, 3d Art., J.-A. (S. O. 17, Jan. 30, Div. A.)

At Fort McHenry, Md., Feb. 3. Detail: Capt. Charles B. Byrne, Asst. Surg.; Capt. George A. Thurston, 1st Lieut. Charles W. Hobbs, 2d Lieut. George O. Squier and George LeR. Irwin, 3d Art., and 1st Lieut. Charles G. Woodward, 3d Art., J.-A. (S. O. 17, Jan. 30, Div. A.)

At Fort Sheridan, Ill., Feb. 4. Detail: Col. Robert E. A. Crofton, Capt. Chambers McKibbin and Henry H. Humphreys, 15th Inf.; Capt. Louis W. Crampton, Asst. Surg.; 1st Lieut. George K. McGunnegle and Thomas F. Davis, and 2d Lieut. William N. Blow, Jr., 15th Inf., and 1st Lieut. James A. Maney, 15th Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 8, Jan. 31, Div. M.)

At Fort Washakie, Wyo., Feb. 9. Detail: Capt. Charles A. Coolidge, 7th Inf.; Capt. Jernaud A. Olmsted and 1st Lieut. Montgomery D. Parker, 9th Cav.; 2d Lieut. Frederick V. Krug, 8th Inf.; 2d Lieut. James L. Drulien, 17th Inf.; 2d Lieut. William S. Graves, 7th Inf.; 2d Lieut. Frederick S. Wild, 17th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Edward Lynch, 8th Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 10, Jan. 31, D. Platte.)

At St. Francis Barracks, Fla., Feb. 5. Detail: Lieut.-Col. Richard H. Jackson, 4th Art.; Major Passmore Middleton, Surg.; Capt. William F. Stewart, 1st Lieut. Harry H. Anderson, 2d Lieut. Walter N. P. Darrow, and Add'l. 2d Lieut. Clint C. Hearn, 4th Art., and 2d Lieut. Charles D. Palmer, 4th Art., J.-A. (S. O. 19, Feb. 2, Div. A.)

At Fort Logan, Colo., Feb. 9. Detail: Capt. A. H. Jackson, L. F. Burnett, and J. T. Van Orsdale, 1st Lieut. G. S. Young and G. W. Melver, 2d Lieut. Robert Alexander and H. T. Ferguson, 7th Inf., and 2d Lieut. A. P. Bullington, 7th Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 11, Feb. 2, Dept. M.)

At Fort Meade, Va., Feb. 9. Detail: Major Marcus P. Miller, 5th Art.; Capt. John L. Tiernon, 3d Art.; Capt. Chas. Bird, A. Q. M.; Capt. William P. Vose, 2d Art.; Capt. William L. Alexander, Sub. Dept.; 1st Lieut. George L. Anderson, 4th Art.; Add'l. 2d Lieut. Frank G. Mauldin, 3d Art., and 1st Lieut. William B. Homer, 5th Art., J.-A. (S. O. 22, Feb. 5, Div. A.)

Army Boards.

A Board of Officers will meet at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., for examination of officers for promotion. Detail: Col. Bernard J. D. Irwin, Surg.; Major James P. Canby, P. M.; Major James G. Lee, Q. M.; Major William H. Naab, C. S.; Capt. Marcus E. Taylor, Asst. Surg., and Capt. Charles H. Ingralls, A. Q. M., Recorder (S. O., Jan. 29, H. Q. A.)

A Board of Survey will meet at the Subintendence Depot, Omaha, Neb., Jan. 30, to fix the responsibility for loss of sugar. Detail: Major Daniel W. Benham, 7th Inf., I. S. A. P.; Capt. James C. Ayres, Ord. Dept., and 1st Lieut. Charles A. Worden, 7th Inf., Asst. Engr. Off. (S. O. 9, Jan. 29, D. Platte.)

The following officers detailed by S. O. to inspect Indian supplies are relieved from the operation of G. O. 2: Capt. William E. Dougherty, 1st Inf.; Capt. Foliot A. Whitney and Cyrus A. Earnest, 8th Inf.; Capt. F. Beers Taylor, 8th Inf.; 1st Lieut. William A. Mercer, 8th Inf., and 2d Lieut. Philip A. Bettens, Jr., 9th Cav. (S. O. 10, Jan. 31, D. Platte.)

The Board of Officers convened at Washington Barracks, D. C., to examine officers for promotion, is dissolved (S. O., Feb. 3, H. Q. A.)

Retirements of Enlisted Men.

Feb. 4, 1891.—Sergt. Philip L. Farley, Co. C, Batt'n. of Engrs.; 1st Lieut. Frederick Louth, Co. D, 11th Inf., and Pvt. John Sheridan, Bat. L, 4th Art.

Artillery Instruction.—Maj.-Gen. Schofield (in A. G. O. letter of Jan. 30) directs commanders of artillery posts to see that artillery soldiers are given thorough instruction in all details pertaining to magazine service, and the care and preservation of artillery material, as such instruction constitutes an essential part of elementary training.

A furlough for four months, with permission to go beyond sea, is granted Sergt. Adolph Dickstahl, Davids Island (S. O. 23, Rec. Ser., 1891.)

FIELD MOVEMENTS.

Capt. Patrick Cusack, 9th Cav., will proceed to Fort Niobrara for medical treatment; Major John M. Bacon, 7th Cav., A. I. G., will inspect the posts of Forts Robinson and Niobrara; the battalion 8th Cav., Capt. Almond B. Wells, commanding, will proceed to Fort Meade; the officers and enlisted men of Light Bat. F, 4th Art., now on duty with the 8th Cav., and with Lieut.-Col. Sanford's battalion, will report to Capt. Capron, 1st Art.; the Hotchkiss gun now with Lieut.-Col. Sanford's detachment, will be transferred to an officer to be designated by Col. Shafter, 1st Inf.; the officers and enlisted men of Light Bat. E, 1st Art., will report to Capt. Capron, 1st Art., for duty with their battery; the 7th Cavalry, Light Bat. E, 1st Art., and detachment of Light Bat. F, 4th Art., will proceed to Fort Riley; the battalion composed of one troop each of the 1st, 2d, 5th, and 9th Regiments of Cavalry, the "Leavenworth Battalion," under command of Lieut.-Col. George B. Sanford, 9th Cav., will proceed to Fort Leavenworth; the battalion, 9th Cav., consisting of Troops D, F, I, and K, Major Guy V. Henry, 9th Cav., commanding, will be encamped at some sheltered point within ten miles of Pine Ridge Agency; 1st Lieut. Edwin P. Andrews, 5th Cav., will proceed to Oelrichs, S. D., and Fort Meade, S. D., on public business; 1st Lieut. Wm. B. Banister, Asst. Surg., will, on account of his physical condition, accompany Lieut.-Col. Albert P. Morrow, 6th Cav., to Fort Niobrara, Neb., and thence to Washington Barracks.

Capt. William O. Owen, Jr., Asst. Surg., is relieved from duty at Pine Ridge and will revert to his previous status, "leave of absence;" Capt. Charles B. Ewing, Asst. Surg., will report to the C. O. 8th Cav. and accompany so much of the regiment as goes to Fort Niobrara, Neb.; Capt. Edwin T. Gardner, Asst. Surg., is detached from duty with the 1st Inf., and will relieve Capt. Edward Everts, Asst. Surg., on temporary duty with the 9th Cav., who will report to the C. O. battalion 8th Cav., and proceed with it to Fort Meade, S. D., and thence proceed to his station at Davids Island; Capt. Marshall W. Wood, Asst. Surg., having been examined by a medical officer, and pronounced unfit to return to Fort Meade with battalion of the 8th Cav., which march he will proceed by rail; Capt. Henry S. Kilbourne, Asst. Surg., will relieve Capt. Charles B. Ewing, Asst. Surg., in command of company of hospital corps; the C. O. 1st Inf. will design-

note an officer who will receipt to 1st Lieut. John S. Mallory, 2d Inf., for funds and property pertaining to the Sub. Dept., when Lieut. Mallory will proceed to Hdqrs. Dept. of Pine Ridge, and settle his accounts; Capt. Cyrus A. Earnest, 8th Inf., will transfer to the officer acting in the capacity of Indian Agent at Pine Ridge Agency subsistence stores pertaining to issues to Indians, and will proceed to Fort Niobrara, Neb.; Capt. Charles F. Humphrey, A. Q. M., will transfer to such officer as may be designated by the C. O. 1st Inf., property pertaining to the Q. M. Dept., and will proceed to his station at Omaha; Maj. Albert Hartsuff, surgeon, in addition to his duties as officer in charge of Division and Field Hospital, is charged with the control of the Indian wounded and also with the distribution of the medical supplies and property which shall be in excess of the wants of the command to remain at Pine Ridge in occupation; 1st Lieut. John M. Stoenburg, 8th Cav., will proceed to Fort Niobrara, Neb.; 1st Lieut. Edward E. Dravo, 8th Cav., will proceed to Fort Meade and carry out instructions of his regimental commander; the battalion of the 17th Inf. will proceed to Fort D. A. Russell; the 2d Inf. will proceed to Fort Omaha.

Leave for 15 days, on surgeon's certificate, is granted Capt. James M. Burns, 17th Inf., with permission to go to Hot Springs, S. D.; Co. C, 8th Inf., and Troops A and G, 9th Cav., will proceed to Ft. Robinson, Neb.; Capt. Jefferson R. Kean, Asst. Surg., will accompany the command; on the arrival of Troops A and G, 9th Cav., at Ft. Robinson, Neb., Capt. Joseph Garrard, 9th Cav., with a detachment from each troop, will proceed to Ft. Niobrara, Neb., and ship troop property to Ft. Robinson; Co. A, 8th Inf., will proceed to Crawford, Neb., where it will await the arrival of the Hdqrs. and Co. H, 8th Inf., and proceed with them to Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; 3d Lieut. Geo. W. Ruthers, 8th Inf., will proceed to Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; Major David Perry, 8th Cav., with Troops C and D and H, 8th Cav., will march to Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; Capt. Charles M. Gandy, Asst. Surg., with Hospital Corps men, will report to Major Perry and accompany this battalion to Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; 1st Lt. Julian M. Cabell, Asst. Surg., will remain with battalion 9th Cavalry at Pine Ridge; Capt. Jefferson R. Kean, Asst. Surg., will accompany the battalion 9th Cavalry and infantry moving to Ft. Robinson, Neb., and will return to Pine Ridge as soon as his health will permit, relieving Lieut. Cabell, Asst. Surg.; Lt. Cabell will then report to C. O. 1st Infantry for temporary duty; Major Albert Hartsuff, Surg., in charge of Division and Field Hospital will dispose of medical and hospital property and proceed to his post, Ft. Omaha, Neb.; Capt. Henry S. Kilbourne, Asst. Surg., Willets Point, N. Y., and Capt. Robert J. Gibson, Asst. Surg., New Haven, Conn., will proceed to their posts, when notified their services are no longer required; 1st Lieut. Alfred E. Bradley, Asst. Surg., will remain on temporary duty with 1st Infantry until the return of Capt. Kean, Asst. Surg., when he will return to his post, attending surgeon, Omaha, Neb.; Capt. Charles B. Ewing, Asst. Surg., will, upon his arrival at Ft. Niobrara, Neb., with battalion 6th Cavalry, proceed to St. Louis, Mo.; Major Daniel W. Bonham, 7th Inf., I. S. A. F., will return to Omaha, Neb.; the Hdqrs. band and battalion 6th Cavalry, assigned to Ft. Niobrara, Neb., upon their departure, will move, proceed by marching to that post; 2d Lieut. George W. Ruthers, 8th Inf., Ft. Niobrara, Neb., will join his company in the field (S. F. O. 6, 7 and 8, 1891, D. Platte).

The following orders are issued for the information and guidance of all concerned: The 1st Inf., battalion of the 6th Cav., and battalion of the 9th Cav., will remain in the field, unless otherwise ordered, as follows: After the Rules Indians under charge of Capt. Lee have been captured, and have been en route two days, the 6th Cavalry will proceed to Fort Niobrara, and there take station; A detachment of the 6th Cav., under a commissioned officer, will be sent with a party of Indians going to Cheyenne River Agency, S. D., with the Indian Iron Thunder; the remainder of the command will exercise the same military supervision over the Indians at Pine Ridge that has been maintained during the last few months, and have them abandon all appearance or purpose of hostility, and return to their former homes; it should be found that any of the hostile element still retain arms, they will be required to turn them in to their agents as others have done; all Indians, except those in the military service, friendly, as well as others, will be informed that they will not be expected or permitted to carry arms; at the end of 30 days, should tranquility be maintained, the 1st Infantry will return to the Department of California; and at the end of 60 days, should the same condition of peace exist, Maj. Henry will withdraw his command to Fort Robinson, the same to be replaced at Pine Ridge by other troops should circumstances require. In the meantime, Major Henry is authorized to visit Fort Robinson, or make any changes in the personnel of his command that he may deem advisable between the troops at Fort Robinson and troops with him in the field (S. O. 28, Jan. 26, Div. M.).

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Division of Missouri.—Maj. Gen. Miles.

Gen. Miles has directed that Red Bear, Cheyenne scout, be transferred from the company commanded by 1st Lieut. L. H. Strother, 1st Inf., to Co. A, Indian scouts, commanded by 1st Lieut. C. W. Taylor, 9th Cav.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

THE INDIAN DIFFICULTY.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., Jan. 27, 1891.

GENERAL MILES left this A. M., taking with him a number of Braves who will be left at Fort Sheridan. That is the best plan to scatter them around in civilization. The 9th Cavalry, Col. Henry, and the 1st Infantry, Col. Shafter, remain. The former in camp six miles out, the latter at the agency. In Special Orders No. 28, Gen. Miles says: "At the end of 30 days, should tranquility be maintained, the 1st Infantry will return to the Department of California, and at the end of 60 days, should the same conditions of peace exist, Major Henry will withdraw his command to Fort Robinson, the same to be replaced at Pine Ridge by other troops should circumstances require. Should it be found that any hostile element still retain arms, they will be required to turn them into their agents as others have done. All Indians except those in the military service, friendly as well as others, will be informed that they will not be expected or permitted to carry arms."

Col. Heyl has been investigating the Indian Mission fight, and having a map made of same. The impression is, that the intention is to show that the 7th Cavalry, through mismanagement, were placed in a position of danger, but relieved by the 9th, and that Col. Forsyth exceeded his orders by going beyond the mission. They may say what they choose and errors of judgment may have occurred, but the killing of "Big Foot's Band" by the 7th Cavalry was the worst medicine the Indians had taken, and they did not want another dose. "Verily the war is over, but the fighting has just begun."

A heavy snowstorm prevails here, and winter has set in. We of the 1st, are anxious to see Angel Island with its tropical luxuriance. Indians would not for one moment raise a finger in such weather, but whether they do or not we slay horses, men ponies suffering to carry out the programme.

1st Foot.

FORT YATES, N. D., Jan. 2, 1891.

Orders No. 1.

The following communication from Headquarters Division of the Missouri and Headquarters Department of Dakota, are published for the information of this command:

RAPID CITY, S. D., Dec. 27, 1890.

General Thomas H. Ruger, Commanding Department of Dakota:

SIR: The Division Commander has received official report of Lieut.-Col. Drum, 12th Inf., and Capt. Fechet, 8th Cav., regarding the arrest of Sitting Bull. He desires me to express his approval of the good judgment displayed by the officers and the assistance of agent; the fortitude of the troops and bravery of the Indian police. It required no ordinary courage to go into an Indian camp of well armed warriors and arrest the chief conspirator on the eve of his departure to join the large body of his following then in defiant hostility to the Government and engaged in robbing its citizens and looting their houses. It was from Sitting Bull that emissaries have been for months going to other tribes inciting them to hostility and he died while resisting the lawful officials of the Government. Even after he had been peaceably arrested he raised the cry of revolt and incited his men to shoot down the Government soldiers in lawful discharge of their duty. The fearless action of Capt. Fechet and his command entitles them to great credit and the celerity of his movements showed the true soldierly spirit.

The Division Commander desires that his sympathy be expressed to those who have suffered from wounds and the families of the dead, brave, loyal, Indian police, and his thanks to all who took part in the arrest that has already resulted in the surrender of more than one hundred defiant, lawless savages, and with other measures has done much to prevent the destruction of many peaceable homes and innocent lives.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Miles:

M. P. MAUS, 1st Lieut., 1st Inf., A. D. C.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 27, 1890.

The Commanding Officer, Fort Yates, N. D.:

SIR: I am directed by the Department Commander to transmit you an official copy of a telegram received to-day from the Division Commander expressing his appreciation of your services and the services of those associated with you in the events of the 15th instant connected with the arrest of Sitting Bull on the Standing Rock Reservation. He also directs me to add that he has not been unkindly himself of the good conduct of the officers and troops, as well as of the commendable action of Indian Agent McLaughlin in connection with those events and of the noteworthy courage and loyalty shown by the Indian police of Standing Rock Agency.

It has been and still is the intention of the Department Commander to express his proper recognition at a future time, and to convey such expressions of deserved commendation as are due to the services of those who are engaged at other places in important duties arising from the present troubles with the Sioux.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
M. BARBER, Assistant Adjutant-General.
By order of Lieut.-Col. W. F. Drum:
C. H. PATTER, 2d Lieut., 2d Inf., Act. Post Adjt.
To Capt. E. G. Fechet, 8th Cavalry.

In his tribute to the Army Senator Plumb says: "Gallant officers and gallant men have been killed by the common enemy, the Indian, and men have been wounded who still live, and who bear the scars of their wounds as long as they live, for whom the country provides no promotion of any kind or description whatever." These words and your strong editorial on the same subject should be enough to convince the authorities that justice is now being done worthy officers by delay, which, when action follows, would indicate by its slowness that even the deserving have been required to use political influence to obtain their just rights.

RESIGNED.

COURTS-MARTIAL OF OFFICERS.

Before a General Court-martial at Fort Monroe, Virginia, of which Major Alexander C. M. Pennington, 4th Artillery, is president, was tried 1st Lieutenant Wilbur Lovelace, 3d Artillery, Charge—"Absence without leave, in that he did, without permission from proper authority, absent himself from his battery and post from about 5 A. M. Dec. 4, until about 9 A. M., Dec. 10, 1890, at Fort McHenry." Plea—"Guilty. Finding—"Guilty. Sentence—"To be confined to the limit of the post, at which his battery may be serving, for three months, and to be reprimanded in orders." In the foregoing case the proceedings, findings, and sentence were approved, and the sentence will be duly executed. The reviewing authority is surprised that an officer of the education, attainments and experience of the accused, should so far forget the responsibilities and duties devolved upon him by his commission, as to disregard and violate the plainest rules necessary for the preservation of discipline in the Army, but confidently believes that the lesson he has received will remain with him as an instructive warning. Lieut. Lovelace is released from arrest and restored to duty (G. C. M. O., Feb. 2, 1891, Div. A.)

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

WEST POINT, N. Y.

FEBRUARY 2, 1891.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 24, Lieut. Braden gave an interesting lecture to members of the 1st Class on his experiences in the Indian country, an account of the battle in which his wounds were received, and descriptions of the methods used in caring for the wounded. At an early date Lieut. Braden will read a paper, written by Capt. Godfrey, 7th Cav., several years ago, detailing similar experiences.

On Saturday evening last, Jan. 31, occurred the cadet hop, which had been postponed on account of the lecture. The weather was very stormy and the attendance small in consequence. Among the young ladies present, several of whom were visitors, were: Misses Dillon, the Misses Alexander, Misses Pratt, Harris, M. Craney, Michie and B. Huse. The last officers' hop of the season occurred on Tuesday evening and proved one of the most successful and enjoyable of the series. The large number present, the excellent music, good food and more than usually good supper were among the features which contributed to the success of the entertainment, which was under the efficient management of Prof. Bass. Among those present were: Prof. and Mrs. Bass, Miss Buckmaster, Prof. and Mrs. Mercer, Miss Mercer, Mrs. Postlethwaite, Miss Landis, Miss Michie, Miss Kid, Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe, Capt. and Mrs. Wood, Lieut. and Mrs. Alvord, Lieut. and Mrs. Cameron, Lieut. and Mrs. Carson, Lieut. and Mrs. Johnston, Lieut. Lundeen, Lieut. and Mrs. Beach, Miss Dillon, Miss Newlands, Lieut. and Mrs. Kernan, Mrs. Bonesteel, sister of Mrs. Kernan; Lieut. and Mrs. Rowan, Lieut. Pettit, Miss Sharp, Lieut. Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. Root, Miss Root, Lieut. Belinger, Mrs. Hamilton, Lieut. Brooks, Lieut. Kuhn, Lieut. and Mrs. Newcomb, Lieut. and Mrs. Dadds, Miss Eljerkin, Miss Harris, Lieut. Hunter, Mrs. Hunter, Lieut. and Mrs. Braden, Lieut. and Mrs. Edgerton, Lieut. and Mrs. Pratt, Prof. and Miss Andrews, Prof. and Mrs. Clous, Prof. and Mrs. Larned, Lieut. Brown, Freeman, Macomb, Biddle, Lucas, Belinger, McIntyre, Sturgis, Tate and Dr. Compton.

On Saturday of the present week the large cadet german, known as the 100th night german, will take place. This early

date has been chosen, as the 100th night falls in Lent this year. The entertainment will occur on Feb. 21.

The following cadets have recently been made in the battalion of cadets: Cadets Ogden, Gaborne and Scherer, of the 1st Class, have been appointed Lieutenants vice Cadets Pierce, Sorley and Furlong, reduced; Cadet Blanchard, 3d Class, to be 1st sergeant vice Cadet Prince, reduced; Cadet Timberlake, 3d Class, to be corporal vice Cadet Ames, turned back.

Col. C. G. Sawtelle, Q. M. Dept., father of Cadet Sawtelle, 3d Class, spent Sunday at the post.

The garrison flag has been hung at half mast to-day out of respect to the memory of Secretary Windom.

Col. Wilson returned to the post last week from a short visit to Washington.

Cadets Ames and Vidner, of the 3d Class, who were found deficient in the recent examination, have been turned back. Cadets Wise and Connel, of the 3d Class, have been granted leave of absence until June, and will join the 4th Class. Cadet James 2d Class, has also been granted leave until June, and will join the 3d Class. Dr. Carter expects to take a leave shortly. He has not yet gone, as incorrectly stated last week.

Lieuts. Hardin and Tate have recently returned from leave.

Cadet appointments to West Point have been issued during the past week to the following named persons:

Frank A. Vance, Mansfield, 8th Dist., Kan.; Walter S. McBroom, Hillsboro, 8th Dist., Ind.; Alex. G. Cavins (alt.), Sullivan, 8th Dist., Ind.; Chas. N. Halpin, Beardstown, 12th Dist., Ill.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT SHERMAN, IDAHO.

JANUARY 23, 1891.

REHEARSALS for more amateur theatricals are going on at the Post Hall. Something good is expected soon. The 4th Inf. Band will give a ball at the Post Hall on Jan. 27.

Col. C. R. Compton, 4th Cav., and Lieut.-Col. F. Mearns, 4th Inf., members of the Examining Board convened here, have been the guests of Gen. Carlin during the past week.

Lieuts. M. O. Hollis, 4th Inf.; Frank Edwards, 1st Cav.; Geo. McGunagle, 18th Inf., and Chas. McQuiston, 4th Inf., have been before the board this week for examination for promotion.

Lieut. E. H. Browne, 4th Inf., arrived last week from Fort Spokane. The Lieutenant was detained at that place after the removal of his company (F) to assist in turning over quartermaster's property.

Rumor has it that three non-commissioned officers of the 4th Inf. will be recommended for commissions this year. If all accounts are true, a large number of candidates will be sent before boards in the Army this year.

Lieut. A. H. Brown, 4th Inf., and his recruiting party returned this week from a tour through Eastern Washington, having enlisted a few recruits and apprehended three deserters. It is thought that the party will go out again in a week or two.

Col. B, 4th Inf., at Fort Spokane, and E at Fort Sherman, are to exchange stations.

It is thought that this move will be followed by others in the spring—at least one, that of A and D. This exchange loses to our garrison Capt. and Mrs. Price and Lieut. and Mrs. A. H. Brown, but we gain Capt. Quinn and his sister, Mrs. Conway, Lieut. Bailey, and Lieut. and Mrs. Hollis.

Lieut. Fletcher Hardeman, 4th Cav., and his bride arrived this week. Troop G marched in force to the depot to greet its popular 2d Lieutenant with the three cheers that say more for the feeling that exists between men and officer than any eloquent speech could possibly say. Gen. Carlin, with the chivalrous courtesy that characterizes him, sent the 4th Inf. Band to serenade the happy couple the evening of their arrival. Lieut. and Mrs. Hardeman are the guests of Lieut. and Mrs. C. P. Elliott, 4th Cav., pending the fitting up of their own quarters.

The Fort Sherman correspondent of the Spokane Falls Review, speaking of the appointment by the Secretary of War of Sergt. James G. Harbord, Co. A, 4th Inf., to be quartermaster sergeant of his regiment, says: "It is singular that a colonel can appoint his own adjutant and quartermaster, but can only recommend the appointment of his sergeant major and quartermaster sergeant." G. M. V.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT SHAW, MONT.

JANUARY 21, 1891.

A FEW days ago there came a rumor here to the effect that there were about 300 Indians in camp 25 miles from the post and on the Great Northern R. R.; that they were heavily armed and prepared for war; that the people in that vicinity were very much alarmed, and had asked the Governor of the State for military assistance. Lieut. Hodges, with the post guide, Mr. Rouch, was directed to proceed to the place indicated for the purpose of investigating the matter. On reaching their destination, much to their surprise, instead of 300 armed warriors they found but five bucks and three helpless women; and instead of being armed with Winchester their most dangerous weapons were a few polished buffalo horns, which they were endeavoring to sell as a means of a living. This is another illustration of the three black crow story.

Miss Simpson, daughter of Chaplain Simpson, left Jan. 15 for York, Pa., where she will spend the balance of the winter. On the evening of Jan. 12, complimentary to Miss Simpson, Mrs. and Miss Loughborough gave a euchre party. Nearly all the members of the garrison, besides Maj. G. W. Baird and Mr. Brent, his clerk, who were at the post making payments, were present, and found it to be a very enjoyable occasion. On the following evening Mr. Capt. Rob gave a similar party in honor of Miss Simpson. This, likewise, was largely attended and much enjoyed. The elaborate luncheons served at these entertainments were especially delightful features.

It is believed now that the Indian troubles are about over, and the troops will soon be marching homeward.

Chaplain Simpson was not ordered into the field with the troops as he requested to be, but received a very complimentary letter from the department commander.

It is now believed more than ever that Fort Shaw will soon be numbered with the deserted posts. Certainly its necessity as a military post is past, and besides there is a large tract of valuable land which should be in the hands of enterprising settlers.

ALPHA.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT DAVIS, TEX.

Now that the Indian trouble is settled and the 5th Infantry are not to leave, the officers and companies here are unpacking and settling down to garrison life once more.

Col. and Mrs. Kellogg recently gave a dancing party in the post hall. Every officer and lady who could go was present, and all entered into the occasion with much enthusiasm. The dancing lasted until about 12 P. M., when all repaired to Col. Kellogg's house where supper was served. Col. Kellogg has since called the officers together to arrange for a series of hops to be given during the winter.

Dinner parties at Lieut. Thompson's and Dr. Harden's, and card parties at Capt. Pollock's and Lieut. Morgan's are among the social diversions.

Outdoor sports are not neglected except when the weather necessitates. The men played one good game of baseball a week ago, and nearly every afternoon some of the officers and young ladies play tennis.

Fort Davis has had three snow storms this winter, something for the "oldest inhabitant" to talk about, especially as the first time four or five inches of snow fell.

Mrs. Baldwin, wife of Capt. Baldwin, 5th Infantry, left last week to join her husband and in Chicago. She went first to El Paso to visit friends and then to Chicago.

It has got to be the custom now for the officer of the day

to go in and "ow!" somebody. Lieut. Morgan seems to be the favored (?) one. We will have to call his quarters the owl roost.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT CANBY, WASH.

LATE evening, Jan. 24, was the occasion of a brilliant little gathering at Captain Roberts's quarters in honor of the fourth anniversary of his marriage. The evening was devoted to progressive euchre. Dr. Hall, our post surgeon, received one of the booby prizes and Mrs. McCrea the other. Mrs. Reilly and Mrs. Brown received the first prize. The ladies were in full evening toilette. Mrs. McCrea, our commanding officer's wife, wore a black lace dress over yellow silk. Mrs. Reilly in black velvet, thread lace and diamonds. Mrs. Roberts, black lace with an over dress of silk, picked out in delicate tracery of pink and green flowers. Mrs. Brown in a dark green India silk. Mrs. Camp and Mrs. Vanden were dressed in black, and Mrs. Hall in gray. Last, but not least, our lovely young lady and belle of the post, Miss Alice McCrea, is absent in California, and was greatly missed. At ten came a hot supper. "All went merry as a marriage bell," until nearly 12 o'clock, then, with many congratulations and adieus, we returned home in the rain, as this is our rainy season.

FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZONA.

THE Sentinel has these items:

Capt. R. G. Ebert, asst. surg., has joined for duty. Capt. J. A. Baldwin and detachment have arrived from Fort McDowell.

At the Literary Society's entertainment Tuesday eve, Mr. Clark gave a reading from the author of "Decisive battles of the world," and Chaplain Scott gave a short lecture, illustrated with maps, giving personal reminiscences of the skirmish of Auburn Ford and battle of Bristol Station, Va. Maj. Chaffee, the Dept. Inspector, completed his work Wednesday and left for Fort Grant. Monday was devoted to the inspection of the troops and quarters. He made a thorough inspection by battalion, company and troop on foot and mounted, light and heavy marching order. He set his eagle eye on every gun and belt, coat and button, helmet and shoe, bugle and sword and evidently expected perfection, in form and beauty, position and drill.

Where duty is attended in all its minutiae every day, as it is at this post, everything will be found in good shape.

We don't wish to brag very loud about our post for fear everybody will want to come here. But we will just whisper to our friends, that we have the healthiest, brightest, pleasantest post in the Army. Our location is romantic and our scenery grand.

The following list of good shots at the post will be read with interest: Distinguished marksmen—Sergt. Harry C. Hard, Troop I, 3d Cav.; Corp. E. H. Steiner, Troop B, 2d Cav., and Pvt. Otto Herman, Co. D, 9th Inf. Sharpshooters—Capt. James Regan, 9th Inf.; Chaplain Winfield Scott, U. S. A.; 2d Lieut. Wm. A. Campbell, 9th Inf.; 1st Sergt. Blunt, Sergt. Simpson, Sergt. Tolin, Corp. McFarland, McNally and O'Neill, Trumpeter Clegg, Pvs. Metcalf, Kearney and Hilgey, Troop I, 3d Cav.; Sergt. Lockhart, Co. D, 9th Inf.; 1st Sergt. McCarthy and Corp. Ruhl, Co. G, 9th Inf.

FORT SUPPLY, I. T.

Stray Shots has these items:

Major Rafferty and bride have arrived and been warmly welcomed.

Cpts. Auman and Brown and Lieut. Butler comprise a Board of Survey to report upon defective shoes.

Capt. Paul H. Brown, asst. surg., left for temporary duty at Fort Riley Tuesday. The wounded men in the hospital at Riley are to be congratulated upon securing his surgical skill. Mrs. Brown and the children will remain here pending the doctor's return.

R. J. Malone, of Co. E, has been detailed as assistant to the post engineer.

Mrs. S. T. Hendrickson and daughter, of Wichita, arrived last week for a visit to the family of Col. Bryant, who is Mrs. Hendrickson's brother. The following morning, though the air was frosty, the band of the 13th rendered a pleasant serenade.

We expected to print a marriage notice this week. We offer condolence to Capt. de Courcy on the death of his old friend Kalakua, King of the Sandwich Islands.

Col. Bryant has been sitting up all the week and would have been about the post but for one rheumatic foot.

The Spelling Bee will occur about Feb. 2. Quite a number of men have entered for the contest, but more are wanted.

On Friday a party consisting of Major Kimball, Capt. Paddock, Miss May Auman, Mrs. Pierce, Lieuts. Koops, Fox, Butler and Waite, and Master Cuyler Kimball, and a large number of greyhounds, went out to capture a wolf that had been seen near the post.

FORT RILEY, KAS.

THE Junction City Republican says:

Sergt. Harry Howard, Troop I, 7th Cav., who was wounded at the battle of Wounded Knee, died of his injuries Friday night and was buried with military honors Sunday afternoon. Sergt. Howard was a trustworthy and kind hearted man.

A trooper belonging to Troop D tells the following story about Ed. Robinson, son of Lieut. W. W. Robinson, 7th Cav.: During the fight at Wounded Knee when everything was in the utmost confusion the youngster not being armed was in a terrible fix. He begged for a gun but could not get one until a man belonging to Troop K dropped. This was Ed's chance and he improved it. Picking up the gun and gently removing the thimble belt from around the dead man's waist he was soon in the middle of the fray doing a soldier's duty.

Referring to the recent collision on the Blue Valley Road, the Republican says:

Lieut. Robinson was seen running from his car bare-headed, but when he found his beloved black horse soldiers were able to take care of themselves, he returned to his chief, Capt. Godfrey, who was suffering with a badly bruised leg. Capt. Godfrey, as is generally the case when he is in a tight place, took the matter very coolly, and after doing what was necessary for his men assisted a brother officer in searching for a missing tobacco pouch. The railroad company will pay to the Government several hundred dollars on account of negligence. Seven horses, four pieces of artillery and several other little items will be figured in the bill.

FORT LEAVENWORTH.

THE Kansas City Times says:

Lieut. Godfrey H. MacDonald, 1st Cavalry, has now two details to choose from as commander of Indian scouts and the other as professor of military science and tactics at Grove City College, Grove City, Pa.

Captains McConnell and Stretch have returned from St. Louis.

Lieut. Eastman has relieved Lieut. Reed as Post A. C. S.

FORT SHERIDAN.

AUTHORITY has been granted to further increase the size of Fort Sheridan by the construction of barracks to accommodate two more troops of cavalry. This will make it a 12 company post, to be garrisoned by six troops of cavalry and six companies of infantry.

GEN. STANLEY has received word of the death Jan. 16 of the son of an old friend, ex-Gov. Madero, of Coahuila, Mexico.

THE NAVY.

BENJAMIN F. TRACY, Secretary of the Navy
JAMES R. SOLEY, Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

N. Atl. Station.—R. Adm. Bancroft Gherardi.
PHILADELPHIA, 1st rate, 12 guns flagship, Capt. Frederick Rodgers. Arrived at Port au Prince Jan. 28.

KEARSARGE, 8d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. H. Elmer. At Norfolk, Va., Jan. 31. Expects to cruise to the West Indies.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut. Comdr. W. H. Brownson. All mail for the ship should be addressed to Port au Prince, Hayti. Arrived at Port au Prince Jan. 27.

ENTERPRISE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. G. A. Converse. At Colon Dec. 30.

VESEVUS, 4th rate, 8 guns, dynamite cruiser, Lt. Seaton Schroeder comdg. At New York Navy-yard.

Squadron of Evolution.—Acting Rear Admiral John G. Walker.
Address Galveston, Texas, until Feb. 5.

CHICAGO, flagship, 1st rate, 14 guns, Capt. H. B. Robeson. Arrived at Galveston, Texas, Feb. 2, and will remain until Feb. 9 for drill and evolutions.

ATLANTA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Capt. John W. Philip. At Norfolk, Va.

YORKTOWN, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander F. E. Chadwick. Arrived at Galveston, Texas, Feb. 2.

BOSTON, 3d rate, 8 guns, Captain G. C. Wiltse. At Navy-yard, New York.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, 4 guns. Comdr. Yates Stirling. Arrived at Galveston, Texas, Feb. 2. Will remain until Feb. 9.

S. Atl. Station.—Rear Admiral W. P. McCann.

Mails for Pensacola, Tallapoosa and Essex should be addressed to the care of the U. S. Consul, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, or care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, unless otherwise noted.

PENSACOLA, 2d rate, 16 guns flagship, Captain Albert Kautz. Ordered to Chilli without delay. Sailed Feb. 1 for Valparaiso. Mail should be sent care of U. S. Consul, Panama, U. S. C.

TALLAPOOSA, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. James M. Forsyth. At Buenos Ayres at last accounts.

ESSEX, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. A. S. Snow. Arrived at Montevideo, Uruguay, Nov. 24.

Pacific Station.—Actg. Rear Adm. Geo. Brown.
Address all mail to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal., unless otherwise noted.

CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 10 guns, flagship, Capt. G. C. Remy. Left San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 22, for Hawaii, with body of King Kalakaua on board. Probably arrived at Honolulu Jan. 29, and may remain some time.

INOQUIOS, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. Joshua Bishop. At Pango Pango, Samon Dec. 1.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Commander E. M. Shepard. At Honolulu, H. I.

Asiatic Station.—Rear Admiral G. E. Belknap.
Mails should be addressed, Yokohama, Japan, unless otherwise noted.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander Henry C. Taylor. At Kobe, Japan.

MONOGACY, 3d rate 6 guns. Comdr. M. L. Johnson. Arrived at Chemulpo Nov. 24.

OMAHA, 2d rate, flagship, 13 guns, Captain B. J. Cromwell. Orders were issued by the Navy Department Jan. 22 for the Omaha to proceed to Panama with a view of reaching there in March. Mails should be addressed in care U. S. Consul, Panama, U. S. C.

PALOS, 4th rate, 7 howitzers. Lieut. Comdr. Joseph Marthon. At Tientsin.

SWATARA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. P. H. Cooper. At Mare Island, Cal. Ordered out of commission. She cannot be repaired within the 20 per cent. limit. Will be sold.

Apprentice Training Squadron.

JAMESTOWN, 12 guns, Comdr. B. P. Lamberton. Sailed from Norfolk, Va., Jan. 15 on her winter cruise in West Indies.

PORTSMOUTH, 13 guns, Comdr. John Schouler. Reported to have sailed from Norfolk, Va., Jan. 15, for her winter cruise in West Indies.

Mails for above vessels should be sent by steamers leaving New York as follows: From Jan. 31 to March 3, inclusive, care of U. S. Consul, port of Spain, Trinidad; March 4 to April 10, inclusive, care of U. S. Consul, St. Thomas, W. I.; after the latter date to Fortress Monroe, Va.

RICHMOND, 2d rate, 14 guns, Captain O. F. Stanton. At Newport, R. I., (receiving ship for boys).

YANTIC, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. Chas. H. Rockwell. At Navy-yard, New York. It is rumored that she will be assigned to the Asiatic Station. Successfully destroyed derelicts off Barnegat last week.

MINNESOTA, 19 guns. Receiving ship for boys. At present at the Brooklyn Navy-yard, N. Y. Will shortly return to the North River.

On Special Service.

AND AWAITING ASSIGNMENT.

ALERT, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. R. D. Hitchcock. At Mare Island yard. Will probably be assigned to Asiatic station. Extensive repairs having been found necessary to her hull, it is uncertain whether she will remain in commission.

BALTIMORE, 1st rate, 10 guns, Captain W. S. Schley. Ordered by the Department to proceed to Valparaiso at once. Mail should be sent care U. S. Consul, Panama, U. S. C.

CUSSING, Torpedo Boat, Lieut. C. McR. Winslow. Arrived at New York Jan. 27, and at Washington, D. C., Jan. 29, where she will go in dry dock.

DESPATCH, 4th rate, Lieut. Wm. S. Cowles. At Washington Navy-yard at last reports.

FORTUNE, tug, Lieut. Comdr. A. J. Iverson.

Vessel engaged in carrying freight between the several Navy-yards. At Portsmouth, N. H.

MARION, 3d rate, 8 guns, at Mare Island, Cal. Comdr. J. R. Bartlett ordered to command. Will probably be ordered to Asiatic station. Repairs nearly completed. Will be ready for sea March 1.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 4 guns, (3 howitzers and 2 galleons). Commander Geo. H. Wadleigh. At Erie, Pa., where she will remain during the winter.

NEWARK, 1st rate, 13 guns, Capt. Silas Oasey. Was out in commission at Cramp's shipbuilding yard Feb. 2, where she will be fitted for sea. The vessel is expected to join the Squadron of Evolution, and then make a cruise to Europe. Her officers are: Capt. Oasey, comdg.; Lieut. Comdr. S. W. Very, executive officer; Lieut. J. E. Pillsbury, navigator; Lieuts. N. T. Houston, W. Winder, B. Tappan; Ensign, J. B. Bernadon; Chief Engr., A. H. Able; Paymr., T. S. Thompson; Surg., M. L. Ruth; P. A. Engrs., A. C. Engard, R. I. Reid; Asst. Engr., L. D. Miner; P. A. Surg., W. H. Rush; 1st Lieut., T. N. Wood, Marine Corps; Naval Cadets, L. A. Bostwick, W. C. Neville and J. V. Chase.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 8 howitzers, Receiving Ship for boys. At New London, Ct., where she will remain during the winter.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers. Lieut.-Comdr. O. W. Farenholt. At Sitka, Alaska.

RANGER, 3d rate, 1 gun. Comdr. Geo. E. Wingate. At Corinto, Nicaragua. Mail for this ship should be sent in care of Navy Pay Office, San Francisco.

SARATOGA, Comdr. F. M. Green, nautical school-ship of Pennsylvania. At Philadelphia. Was to leave some time this month on her winter's cruise.

ST. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns, Comdr. John McGowan, Jr. N. Y. Public Marine School. In the East River at foot of 31st street.

SAN FRANCISCO, 1st rate, 13 guns, Capt. Wm. T. Sampson, comdr. At Mare Island Navy-yard, where she will be fitted for sea without delay.

THETIS, 3d rate, 3 machine guns, Lieut. Comdr. Charles H. Stockton. At Mare Island. Is being fitted out for surveying duty.

Receiving Ships, Iron-Clads, Etc.

DALE, Comdr. Wm. Bainbridge-Hoff. Receiving Ship. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

FRANKLIN, 30 guns, Capt. John F. McGlenssey. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

INDEPENDENCE, 7 howitzers. Captain Byron Wilson. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

PHLOX, Naval Academy Tug. Mate B. G. Perry in command. Annapolis, Md.

ST. LOUIS, sails, Captain E. C. Merriman, Receiving ship. Navy-yard, League Island, Pa.

VERMONT, 1 gun. Capt. L. A. Beardslee. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, New York.

WARASH, 20 guns, Captain E. O. Matthews. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Boston, Mass.

The armor-clads Ajax, Catskill, Canonicus, Lehigh, Mahopac, Manhattan and Wyandotte, in command of Comdr. J. D. Graham, are laid up near Richmond, Va. P. O. address, Richmond, Va.

The Monongahela, at Portsmouth, N. H., being repaired, will be ready for sea in a few weeks. She is to be the flagship of the training squadron. Comdr. J. H. Sands will command her.

Lancaster, 2d rate, 10 guns. The repairs to the vessel, now at the Navy-yard, Kittery, Me., are about completed, and she will take the place of the Omaha on the Asiatic Station. Repairs to be completed March 1.

Miantonomoh, 3d rate, 4 guns. At New York, Navy-yard. Almost ready for commission. Capt. M. Sicard will command her, and her full complement of officers will shortly be ordered.

Concord, 3d rate, 6 guns. Expects to be put in commission at the New York Navy-yard Feb. 10. Commander O. A. Batcheller will command her.

VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

SENATE bill 4777, for the construction of a naval dry-dock at Port Orchard, Washington, was reported favorably to the Senate by the committee on Naval Affairs, Jan. 29.

PRESIDENT HARRISON and Secretary of the Navy Tracy have consented to allow the musicians of the Marine Band a leave during April for the purpose of visiting the larger cities in the country and giving a series of concerts.

FURTHER experiments are to be made in England in the use of refuse petroleum for the furnaces of men-of-war. Though a ton of oil requires about as much stowage as a ton of coal the ton of oil should give as good results as three tons of coal.

The lighthouse tender Fern will shortly be turned over to the Navy for use in transporting men and freight from one naval station to another. One of her first missions in her new capacity will be to carry about 150 men from New York to Panama as an exchange crew for the Omaha, which is due there early in March.

BOTH of the Naval Committees of Congress have lately been giving hearings to persons interested in the bill to increase the number of engineer officers of the Navy, notably Engineer-in-Chief Melville and P. A. Engineer Bigg. Committees seem favorably disposed, and will probably make a favorable report on the bill, although it is rather late in the session to anticipate its final passage by the present Congress.

THE San Francisco Call takes an optimistic view of our fighting ability as compared with that of England. England's carrying trade and foreign commerce would be our point of attack in case of war. We could fit out a number of vessels of this class—vessels which can overtake ordinary merchant steamers and run away from any armed-plated fighting vessel that might be sent against them. The Call argues that in the event of war our seaport cities might suffer, but in the end we should in all probability have Canada, and other countries would have England's ocean carrying trade, and, to a large extent the markets England has supplied.

During the absence on leave of Capt. W. S. Sobley of the U. S. S. *Baltimore*, Lieut.-Comdr. U. Sebroe has been in command of that vessel.

The U. S. S. *Kearsarge* arrived at Port-au-Prince Feb. 5, the *Omaha* at Shanghai Dec. 23. The U. S. S. *Alliance* left Kobe for Yokohama, Japan, Dec. 26.

Owing to some mechanical defect a valve of one of the auxiliary tubes exploded on the Italian *Vesuvio*, Jan. 5, killing two stokers and wounding five others.

Work on the steam tugs, designed for the Navy Department, has been commenced at Boston, and they will probably be in the water before another winter.

The *Texas*, under construction at Norfolk Navy-yard, Va., begins to assume a decidedly ship-shape appearance, the outside plating being well advanced, and the stern post has been put in position.

The Indian troop ships are to be turned over by the British Admiralty to the Indian Government, who will, after 1894, officer and man them so that the English officers and crews can be relieved for duty in the English Navy.

The *America*, one of the steamers built by Messrs. Gourlay and Co. for the National Steamship Company, is the largest vessel ever launched on the Tay. The indicated horse power of engines was 27,350, against 16,000 in 1889 and 8,800 in 1888.

There is a demand in England for the enactment of a law similar to that passed by Congress, making it penal for any ship to "clear out" after a collision, without reporting itself to the other vessel, and standing by to render assistance if required.

As the five British training ships are inadequate for the proposed addition of 6,000 men to the Navy, it is proposed to distribute the boys among sea-going vessels for training. The *Achilles* is to be used as a gymnasium or training ship for boys and seamen.

In an illustrated article on our Fall River Line of steamers the *London Engineering* calls attention to the fact that this line transports more merchandise yearly than the city of Boston exports, the steamers of the line carrying in 1885 freight to the value of upwards of \$120,000,000.

In the Italian journal *Revista Marittima* Lieut. G. Ronco, who had been writing a series of articles, styled a "Study on Modern Naval Tactics," gives a table, which shows at a glance the opinions of various naval writers on the best formations for a fleet under varying conditions.

The Fish Commission steamer *Albatross*, Lieut.-Comdr. Zera L. Tanner, U. S. N., in command, sailed from San Francisco Jan. 30 en route for Panama, where she will probably arrive about Feb. 20. Mail for the *Albatross* should be addressed in care of the U. S. Consul, Panama, U. S. C., until March 16.

The notice to Mariners, by Lieut. W. S. Hughes, in charge of the Hydrographic Office, New Orleans, is published regularly by the following papers of that vicinity, nearly all of them dailies: *New Orleans Picayune*, which also publishes P. chart; *New Orleans Times-Democrat*, *New Orleans Delta*, *New Orleans City Item*, *New Orleans States*, *Louisiana Review*, *New Orleans Bee* (French), *German Gazette*, *Italo-Americano*.

The admiralty have ordered all officers serving in the Chinese Navy to resign at the earliest opportunity. This is supposed to be the result of the treatment of Admiral Lang by the Chinese Government. Here is an opening for American naval officers. We have some knowledge of the treatment of foreign employees by the Chinese Government, and are sure that they appreciate devotion to their interests at its proper value.

"HOME rule for the Navy" is the title under which they are discussing the question of permitting the British Navy to furnish its own ordnance stores, instead of depending upon the Army for them, and of transferring to the Navy the entire control of coast fortifications and all the defenses of the coaling stations. It is asserted that much of the recent expenditure upon fortifications might have been saved had naval men been consulted.

The pilot chart of the North Atlantic Ocean for the month of February, 1891, published at the Hydrographic Office, Navy Department, under the supervision of Lieut. R. Clover, U. S. N., acting hydrographer, is at hand. The chart gives the usual amount of valuable information, containing among other things weather maps, obstruction from ice in European ports, dangerous obstructions, long drift of a disabled steamer, North Atlantic storms, weather forecast for February, etc.

SENATOR DOLPH's amendment to the naval bill appropriating a sum of money for perfecting the entrance to Pearl River Harbor should become a law. The United States Government wants, needs, and can have for the asking this harbor. Unfortunately, the prospect is that there will be such delay in acquiring the right to use this fine harbor that some other government, with a keener eye to the future, will step in and occupy the position, where we shall discover, when too late, that the only bulwark of defence in the Pacific has slipped from our grasp.

NAVY pay claims, embracing receiving ship, longevity, mileage, bounty and other cases of a miscellaneous character, have been certified to Congress by the accounting officers for appropriation in the general deficiency bill now being considered by the House Committee on Appropriations. In certifying the receiving ship cases the full allowance is made, but it is probable that the Appropriation Committee will apply the statute of limitation clause again. These claims will be found in House Ex. Doc. 171, 51st Congress, 2d session.

LATE advices from the British South Pacific Squadron show that the flagship *Warspite* and the *Espergle*, *Champion*, *Liffey*, *Garnet*, *Daphne*, *Nymph* and *Pheasant* are in the neighborhood of the Chilean coast. The *Espergle* and *Warspite* are at Iquique and Coquimbo respectively, the *Champion* left Matanzas for Iquique Jan. 19, and the *Liffey*, *Garnet*, *Daphne*, *Nymph* and *Pheasant* are at Valparaiso. These eight vessels carry 76 guns and 1,512 men. Four vessels of the French South Pacific fleet arrived off Valparaiso Jan. 22. There are no United States vessels, save the *Ranger*, nearer than San Francisco.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* says: "Thirty years ago the British visitor to the Navy Department at Washington rather 'quirmed' at the sight of long rows of glass cases containing the swords of officers of the Royal Navy whose ships had been taken by the Americans. The *Daily Graphic* gives a list of the vessels of which the ensigns are at Annapolis, which is the Greenwich of the United States—*Levant*, *Crane*, *Reindeer*, *Guerriere*, *Little Belt*, *Java*, *Penguin*, *Domitica*, *Boxer*, *Queen Charlotte*, *Beresford*, *Linnæ*, *Chippeway*, *Landralt*, *Detroit*, *Macedonian*, *Frolic*, *Alert*, *Peacock*, *Duke of Gloucester*, *Epervier*, *Lady Provost* and *St. Lawrence*—some of them were gunboats for the lakes, but regularly commissioned."

The *New York Times* in a long article on the subject says: "The prospects of the naval reserve are brightening. That all the elements exist to make it a complete success there can be little doubt. It is more than probable that substantial legislation on the lines advocated at various times by Messrs. Whitthorne and Wallace will be eventually enacted. The naval volunteers, like the militia, must always be under State control, but there must be some way of utilizing as well the material to be found in inland States, and especially that part of it desirable as officers. The proposition now is to increase the Cadet Corps 50 per cent. This could be done by allowing each State to maintain at the academy a number of additional cadets equal to one-half the number of Congressional districts in the State, and the President to make five such appointments, in much the same way that foreign students may now be received."

NAVY GAZETTE.

Ordered.

JAN. 29.—Lieutenant Wm. G. Hannum, to duty in connection with the inspection of steel at the Union Iron Works, Pittsburg, Pa.

JAN. 30.—Lieut.-Commander F. P. Gillmore, to hold himself in readiness for orders to the Lancaster.

Boatswain P. H. Smith and Gunner John Russell, to hold themselves in readiness for orders to the Lancaster.

JAN. 31.—Ensigns Frank Marble, A. H. Robertson and Wm. B. Franklin, to temporary duty on board the Newark.

Ensign L. C. Bertolette, to the Concord Feb. 10.

FEB. 3.—Lieutenant Wm. F. Fullam, to special temporary duty at the Navy Department.

Ensign Marbury Johnston, to duty in the Office of Naval Intelligence.

FEB. 5.—Commander A. G. Kellogg, as equipment officer, Navy-yard, League Island.

Lieutenant Nathan H. Barnes, to appear before the retiring board.

Detached.

JAN. 30.—Commander P. H. Cooper, from the command of the Swatara and granted one month's leave.

Lieut.-Commander E. W. Watson, Chief Engineer W. A. Mintzer, from the Swatara and granted three months' leave.

Surgeon W. H. Jones, from the Swatara and granted six months' leave.

Paymaster H. T. Stanciliff, from the Swatara, ordered to settle accounts and granted three months' sick leave.

JAN. 31.—Lieutenant A. W. Grant, from duty connected with the electric lighting of ships and ordered to the Concord Feb. 13.

FEB. 4.—Chief Engineer B. B. H. Wharton, from duty at the Quintard Iron Works, New York, Feb. 15, and ordered to special duty connected with the fitting out of the Lancaster.

FEB. 5.—Lieutenant Wm. B. Caperton, from the steel inspection board March 9 and ordered to hold himself in readiness for orders to the Miantonomoh.

Ensign Benjamin Wright, from the Hydrographic Office Feb. 10 and ordered to the Coast Survey.

Chief Engineer James Butterworth, from duty at the Harrison-Loring Works, Boston, and placed on waiting orders.

Leave.

Leave granted to Chief Engineer Chas. H. Loring for six months, with permission to leave the United States.

The furlough of Lieutenant B. A. Fiske, extended six months from March 15 next, with permission to remain abroad.

Nominations.

FEB. 5.—Medical Inspector Grove S. Beardsley, to be medical director.

Surgeon Edward Kershner, to be medical inspector.

P. A. Surgeon David O. Lewis, to be surgeon.

Ensign John H. Shipley, to be lieutenant, junior grade.

MARINE CORPS.

FEB. 5.—Majors James Forney and McLane Tilton, nominated to be lieutenant-colonels.

Captains Henry A. Bartlett and Percival C. Pope, nominated to be majors.

1st Lieutenants Richard Wallack and Benjamin R. Russell, nominated to be captains.

2nd Lieutenants C. Marraet Perkins and Thomas C. Prince, nominated to be 1st lieutenants.

1st Lieutenant W. P. Biddle, detached from the Mare Island Barracks when he joins there from the Swatara and ordered to Washington.

A CORRESPONDENT writing on the effects of the Civil Service law at Washington, says: "The improvement in the condition of the Government clerks has been marked. They are beginning to show some moral independence. They are not the victims of such constant fear and intimidation as they used to be. There is hope that they may come to consider themselves as having embraced an honorable career which they may depend upon as long as they do their duty conscientiously."

MARINE CORPS.

SEBASTIAN RICHARD FINEGAN and Privates Adolph Zimmerman and Matthew Kenny, U. S. M. C., on duty at Marine Barracks, Mare Island, were retired last week. Zimmerman began his career in the 21st Artillery before the war, and all have had service at some time or other in the Army. Most of the old soldiers of the Marine Corps have put in an enlistment or two in the Army. Their continuous service pay and allowances are the same, and they change at pleasure without loss. Those who fancy a foreign cruise on duty near the large cities recall in the Marine, a id, on the other hand, nearly every command in the Army contains men who have worn the globe and anchor of the Ever Faithful trying a change.

1st Sergt. Henry McLaren, an old and faithful soldier of the Marine Corps, who has been in charge of the Marine Barracks, Pensacola, since the garrison was driven away from there by malarial fever in 1888, has been stricken with paralysis and condemned as unfit for further service. He has gone to the Naval Home, Philadelphia, where his immediate predecessor, 1st Sergt. D. W. C. McCloskey is also, having been disabled at the same place in exactly the same way in 1887. 1st Sergt. Van Schapky is now in charge at Pensacola Barracks and responsible for the public property.

The instructions to the Uniform Board recently convened at the Headquarters of the Marine Corps, do not contemplate any very radical changes in the clothing of officers and men. Much opposition has long been manifested to the present gorgeous full dress, and it will probably be toned down to suit those of simpler tastes and the shako abolished. There is a sentiment in favor of a special full dress for great occasions and a diminished grandeur for routine duty. Officers abreast of the times urge an invisible campaign costume with leggings and an improved shoe as the greatest need. We trust the Board will "gain ground to the front."

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

NAVAL ACADEMY.

ANNAPOLES, MD., Feb. 4, 1891.

ONE of the pleasantest events of the season was a birthday party Saturday, given by Capt. and Mrs. Phyllis for Miss Cordelia Phyllis. She was assisted in receiving by Cadets Male and Magill, whose birthdays fell on the same date. Among the young ladies present were Miss Linton and Miss Mitchell of Washington, Miss Wicks of Baltimore, the Misses Reeder, Miss Todd, Miss Harmon, and Miss Craig. About twenty cadets attended. After some dancing all adjourned to the supper room. Among the decorations on the table were three triangles—one of eighteen and two of twenty candles. All tried their luck at blowing out candles with the understanding that the most successful blower was to be the first married of those present. A cadet succeeded in extinguishing eighteen, but prevent indications do not corroborate the predictions of the candles. Cadet Male presided over the birthday cake with a Japanese "bari-kari" knife and a "sweet twenty" smile. After refreshments dancing was resumed, ending with a Virginia reel.

The semi-annual examination, much to the relief of those taking part, were finished Saturday morning. The examinations were unusually severe, and a large number of cadets from all classes are on the anxious seat awaiting the action of the Academic Board. The Engineer Division of the 1st Class seems especially unfortunate, there being but one cadet in that division who is satisfactory in every branch. It may be added, however, that a lack of knowledge is not the sole cause of their misfortune, as the Department of Discipline has several victims in that corps.

The officers' hop Saturday evening was postponed at the last moment on account of the death of the Secretary of the Treasury.

A charming musicale was given in the Naval Institute Hall Saturday afternoon, the proceeds to be devoted to charity. The programme was an elaborate as well as a pleasant one. Among those who took part were: Vocal—Miss Walton, Miss Haryett, Lieut. Noble, U. S. A., and Mr. Brewer; Instrumental—Miss Hendy, Miss Sigbee, and Miss Cowman; Violin—Miss Toddhunter and Miss Drael. A quartette, composed of Cadets McLimore, H. E. Smith, Traut, and Allen, finished the programme.

Cadet D. Van H. Allen, who has been on sick leave for some time, returned to the Academy Saturday preparatory to resuming his studies.

Active preparations are being made for the athletic tournament which soon takes place; also in organizing the base ball team for the coming season.

Following is a partial list of the visitors at the Academy the past week: Miss Scott and Miss Breckenridge, at the Misses Phyllis'; Miss Mitchell, at Mrs. Fitch's; Miss Dent, at Mrs. Sharp's; Miss Wicks, at the Misses Reeder's; Admi. Russell, the Misses Russell, Miss DeRancourt, Mr. and Mrs. Vail, Miss Vail, Ensign Franklin, and Wm. Leonard (formerly Cadet of '91).

Cadets Macfarland, Nire, and Procter spent Saturday in Washington.

AMERICAN interests in the Southern Pacific during the revolution in Chili will be looked after by the flagship *Pensacola* of the South Atlantic Station and the *Baltimore*, now at Toulon, France. The former left Montevideo for Valparaiso Feb. 1. The *Baltimore* has orders to sail directly for the same port immediately upon the arrival of her commanding officer, Captain Schley, who is now en route from this country to Toulon. He will probably get under way by Feb. 15. Should the authorities conclude to carry out a long contemplated purpose of dividing the Pacific into two squadrons the *Baltimore* will probably become the flagship of the Southern Pacific. This plan, however, may not be carried out until there are more new vessels available, but until it is one or more vessels will be kept in Chilean waters. It is more than likely that the *Pensacola* will remain in these waters indefinitely, and after the present troubles are over the *Baltimore* will be transferred to the South Atlantic as Rear Admiral McCann's flagship. It is expected that he will transfer his flag to her as soon as she joins the *Pensacola* at Valparaiso.

ALL the officers recently appointed to the reorganized Signal Corps have accepted their commissions except Capt. Craig, who, his friends intimate may decline. The question of pay is just now giving these officers much uneasiness, and it is probable that the existing doubt as to the authority to pay them out of any one of the current appropriations may be settled by a provision in the pending Sundry Civil bill.

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THE new code of punishments is still receiving the attention of the Secretary of War. Realizing the importance of the matter, and the fact that it is substantially laws that are being made, he does not wish to take final action until every point has been fully considered. He has discussed every point with his immediate subordinates and has practically agreed upon the most of the recommendations made jointly by Colonel Lieber and Major Schwan, but there are one or two questions upon which he desires to deliberate further before taking final action. It is probable that copies of the new code as proposed by the two officers named, and modified in some particulars by the Secretary himself, will be sent to a number of experienced officers for an expression of opinion before the code is finally adopted.

WITH nine vacancies on the limited retirement list to be filled, and two colonels of cavalry likely to be among the number of disabled officers selected for retirement, there are good prospects for promotion in the near future. The two cavalry colonels are Colonel Otis, 8th Cavalry, and Colonel Clendenin, 2d Cavalry. The former has already been found disabled by a retiring board, and the latter will receive orders this week to appear before a board for examination as to his physical condition.

A CORRESPONDENT thinks a chaplain is now needed at Alcatraz Island, Cal., to continue the good work formerly carried on there by Chaplain W. H. Pearson. He says: "If any military post is in need of one it is this. On Sundays the prisoner's work is done, and he has nothing to do but spend the day in idleness, whereas if there was divine service many would embrace the opportunity and attend."

THE New York Sun has this to say for the Nevada trophy, presented to the Army by the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL: "Ten annual competitions have now been conducted throughout the Army for this emblem, which is highly prized as indicating the best general skill in small arms marksmanship shown by any company, troop, or battery."

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ARMYNAVY.

PROSPECTS FOR ARMY AND NAVY LEGISLATION.

THE proceedings of Congress during the remaining 23 working days will be watched with keen interest by the two Services. Both houses are now going along in a businesslike way, and although the appropriation bills are still in a backward condition there is always a chance to slip in special bills, and it is not improbable that a few of the pending Service measures may be included in the number, as several were during the present week.

General Hawley is watching his chance to bring up the artillery increase bill, and may be able to do so any day. He has little doubt of its passage if once called up, either in its amended form or as passed by the House. Rather than have it fail, the Senate Military Committee, as a body, will be quite willing to accept the House bill as it stood before amendment. A vigorous effort, however, will first be made to have the committee amendments adopted and then get the bill into the hands of a conference which would be almost sure to adjust the differences to suit the wishes of the Department.

In the House, General Cutcheon is on the alert for the bill for the transfer of the officers 64 years of age from the limited to the unlimited retired list and several other measures in an advanced stage of progress. The condition of the work in the House is such, however, that there is no means of predicting when the opportunity will come or what the result will be.

Naval legislation is practically at a stand still. There is a slight chance for the passage of the Senate bill to increase the number and efficiency of the enlisted men, but the prospects for any special legislation other than what may be included in appropriation bills, are decidedly gloomy.

The proposition of Senator Cullum to have the Senate Naval Committee sit during the recess, for the purpose of considering the various suggestions for the improvement of the personnel, and to define a policy for continuing ship building, will have to be accepted in lieu of any legislation on these subjects. The idea, however, is a good one, and if the committee can succeed in framing a measure that will meet the needs of the Service, and interests of all concerned, some good may be expected therefrom at the next session.

The appropriation bills in which the Services are interested are in a tolerably forward state. The Army and Fortification bills have passed both

Houses, and are now in conference. The Military Academy bill has passed both Houses, and will go to the President for signature in a few days. The Naval bill has passed the House, and will soon be reported to the Senate by the Appropriation Committee. The Sundry Civil bill is now undergoing consideration by the House, and the General Deficiency bill will shortly be reported to that body from the Appropriation Committee.

After a protracted, but rather interesting debate, covering a wide range of subjects connected, directly and indirectly, with sea coast defences, the Senate on Wednesday passed the Fortification bill with a number of amendments that must now go to conference for adjustment. The first amendment of the committee to give rise to discussion was that to reduce the appropriation for mortar batteries from \$1,000,000, to \$750,000. Mr. Dolph insisted, and others insisted, on the amount being increased rather than reduced, while others favored a reduction. Mr. Blair opposing any appropriation at all for coast defences and proposing in lieu thereof, to the ridicule and amusement of the other Senators, an amendment appropriating \$100,000 for the suppression of slave trade, and of the trade in intoxicating liquors, fire arms, etc., on the continent of Africa.

The Committee's amendment was finally adopted, as were also those striking out the items of \$10,000 for an artesian well at Fort Monroe, Va., and \$16,000 for a wharf, etc., at Yerba Buena, California. The next amendment to provoke discussion was the recommendation of the Committee to reduce the appropriation for steel forgings for 8, 10 and 12-inch guns from \$1,000,000 to \$800,000. Mr. Gorman proposed an amendment further reducing the amount to \$250,000. Then ensued another long discussion between the war and anti-war senators, but the Committee's amendment finally prevailed.

The appropriation of \$400,000 for rifled sea-coast mortars hooped with steel was first amended so as to require that the mortars be all of steel and then was rejected altogether. The Committee amendment to strike out the appropriation for two gun carriages of the disappearing type was agreed to, as were also the amendments reducing the item for completing the Watervliet gun factory from \$248,743 to \$148,743 and the appropriation for machinery for the Watervliet Arsenal from \$468,000 to \$368,000. The appropriation for the Fortification board was increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and two civilian members were added to the board. The appropriation of the last session for heavy ordnance was, after a long discussion, increased to \$4,250,000. Mr. Dolph's amendment providing one million dollars for heavy ordnance plant on the Pacific Coast was rejected, but Mr. Plumb's amendment transferring to the Navy Department a portion of the site for the New Jersey Powder Depot was accepted. The bill was then passed.

The debate was characterized by the usual passage at arms between Senators like General Hawley, who realize the necessity for defensive measures, and the optimistic advocates of peace at any price, who imagine that our devotion to utilitarian pursuits for individual profit puts us in such high favor with Heaven that the course of history will be changed to accommodate us. Mr. Cookrell declared that "there is no possibility of this country being engaged in war at any time in the near future with any foreign Power. * * We are a great nation; we are isolated. * * England would not dare to attack us," etc., etc.

To all this Mr. Hawley replied in his vigorous way, saying among other things:

The Senator from Missouri (Mr. Cookrell) feels as a great many candid and honest people do, that inasmuch as weighed on Fairbanks scales we weigh more than other people we can whip them all. I ask him what chance he, stark naked, as the Lord made him, would stand against a man with a Colt's revolver or a bowie knife? He would rely upon the moral strength of his cause and his superior physique.

There are 63,000,000 people in the United States capable of making the finest troops the world ever saw, but in case of an unexpected war with a foreign nation, summoned down to the coast to stand there in militia array, they would be what Wellington called "cannon for powder," absolutely helpless. What do you suppose the British Navy would care for square acres or square miles of human flesh of that description, that could not shoot over 1,200 yards anyhow, and that with a 1-ounce ball.

Great Britain you say will not fight; that she cannot afford to go without our wheat and without our pork; that she is the same blood; we have the same

Shakespeare, and all that sort of thing. John Bull is very much like other people; he gets mad and makes an ass of himself occasionally. He fights when he should not. He fights when he wants to defend himself against robbery in a minute, and he fights for the sake of robbery sometimes. He will fight—I do not want to make a mistake about it—he will fight when somebody else will join him in fighting.

In replying, Mr. Blair said: "I think I am a man of peace, opposed to pugnacity on general principles; but when the Senator from Connecticut gets up here and pounds the air and puts forth his belligerency in all that magnificent exhibition of what a thickset Yankee can do when he is all ready to fight, I admit that I feel a little of the warlike contagion, and in spite of myself I do really want war."

Possibly this explains Mr. Blair's suggestion that we depend for our defence upon school-houses instead of forts, forgetting that the best educated nation to-day, the German, leads the world in warlike preparations.

THE first separate measure for the improvement of military posts to pass Congress this session is the bill now awaiting the signature of the President for the enlargement of Plattsburgh Barracks, N. Y. It will also probably be the last, as the several measures in the interest of other posts are not sufficiently far advanced to receive attention during the few remaining weeks of the session. A strong effort will be made to get the Senate to add \$500,000 to the Sundry Civil Bill to complete Fort Sheridan, Ill., but it is by no means certain that the request will be complied with. The most that is expected is an addition of one or two hundred thousand dollars to the sum for the improvement of military posts which is fixed by the House Appropriation Committee at \$690,000, the same amount appropriated last year. Should this amount be increased, the Secretary of War would doubtless make quite a liberal allotment for Fort Sheridan, as there is a popular desire to have this post completed in time for the World's Fair. Even if it should not be increased, at least \$300,000 of the \$690,000 will doubtless be allotted for this post.

ALTHOUGH the next class graduating from West Point will be an exceptionally large one—about 65 members—the prospects for vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant have not been so good for several years. There are at this writing 45 vacancies, present and prospective, with five months for unexpected casualties to occur. There are 28 vacancies actually existing, 24 in the infantry and four in the cavalry. To these may be added nine vacancies that will occur by the retirement of officers to fill vacancies now existing on the limited retired list, four that will occur by age retirement between now and June 30, one by resignation in the 19th Infantry, to occur in May next, one by desertion of Watkins, 11th Infantry, and two or three by retirement of officers found disabled by promotion boards.

A CORRESPONDENT of the New York Times, signing himself "Viking," has a letter on the Barrundia case in which he says: "If there is any one international principle thoroughly established among the civilized States of the world, by treaty, by custom, usage, and precedent, it is that no political refugee may be surrendered to his enemies. There is a line of unbroken precedents on this subject in the Navy reaching as far back as 1842, if not further. All civilized governments, even those of Russia and Turkey, acquiesce in this principle and admit it in practice." But the question whether or not Barrundia was simply a political refugee appears to be in dispute, and this correspondent agrees with us in thinking that "it is greatly to be regretted that of his own volition, and not from the 'demands' of a subordinate, he [the Secretary of the Navy] has not brought the matter before a court. Not only the waning discipline of the naval service imperatively required it, but such a course, if it could have been adopted, would have been in the line of naval law and order." He says further: "This unhappy incident, considered from every point of view, seems to me the outcome of gross ignorance or the grossest neglect of duty, reflecting alike on the naval and ministerial services of our country." It is unfortunate that the question of fact could not have been settled, for an officer of the Navy justly subject to such a charge should be dismissed the Service. If the proceedings of a court in the case of such an officer fell short of the requirements, in the judgment of

the Navy Department, it would have been then competent to set them aside with a rebuke, which would have included the members of the court. As it is, a partisan dispute has been started which will destroy the effect of the Secretary's action. There cannot be a word of criticism upon what was said in the Secretary's letter. If any naval officer needs this sort of talk this is just the sort of talk he ought to have, but the question of fact should, if possible, first be settled beyond dispute. In his explanation of his action, Minister Mizer says Barrundia had been "indicted for common crimes," and that "no one could possibly foresee that the person to be arrested would resist, nor could it be supposed that the person was armed, and would first fire upon his benefactor, the captain of the ship, or that any fatality whatever would occur."

THE industry and professional zeal which keep General Geo. W. Cullum, U. S. A., still at work in his eighty-third year, in the service of his fellow soldiers, is illustrated by the appearance of an entirely new and revised edition of his Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the United States Military Academy. It is published by Houghton, Mifflin and Co. in three handsome octavo volumes, aggregating 2,375 pages, and is in typographical appearance a great improvement upon the previous edition. It brings the list of cadet records down to No. 3,384, the last graduate of the last class of 1890. At the end of these volumes we have the statistical information contained in previous editions and a most interesting account of the early history of the Military Academy, to which General Cullum has given the most exhaustive study. There is also an interesting statement of the civil occupations of graduates. This shows that West Point has furnished us with a President of the United States, and, might have, he added, a President of the Confederate States; a Superintendent of Coast Survey, a bishop and twenty clergymen, with four members of the Cabinet, twenty-two diplomatic representatives, twenty one members of Congress, eight Presidential electors, one hundred and seventy U. S. civil officers, fourteen Governors, two Lieutenant-Governors and seventy-seven members of State Legislatures, and ninety seven other State officers, besides twenty-four State military staff officers and one hundred and forty-five officers of militia. Then there are fifteen mayors and forty-eight other city officers, two hundred and seventeen officers of educational institutions, ten surveyors-general and fourteen chief engineers of States, seventy-seven presidents and other officials of railroads, 120 chief engineers and superintendents of railroads and other public works, twenty-one treasurers and receivers of corporations, two hundred and seventeen civil engineers, thirteen judges and one hundred and eighty-five lawyers, twelve physicians, one hundred and twenty-one merchants, seventy-two manufacturers, three artists and seven architects, two hundred and twenty-eight farmers and planters, forty-six bankers and bank officers, twenty-six editors and one hundred and fifty-eight authors in this admirable work, General Cullum has furnished his own most worthy monument.

ADMIRAL of the Fleet Thomas Symonds has written to the British Prime Minister an open letter calling attention to the weak condition of the British Navy as compared with that from 1793 to 1815. Even in 1895 England will have too few cruisers to supply coaling stations with coal during a war with France alone, and without such supply the 8,518,067 tons of mercantile marine would be paralyzed and England could no longer obtain the \$140,000,000 worth of food she now annually imports. In 1914 England had 758 vessels; in 1895 she will have but 501, including torpedo boats, and the wide extension of British commerce has vastly increased the responsibilities of the British Navy. The naval estimates are no larger than they were in 1890, though an ironclad which could then be had for £400,000 now costs £1,000,000, and for France's naval force of 120,000 well trained men England has but 23,000 partially trained men to show. Concluding, Admiral Symonds says: "I deem it my bounden and imperative duty to endeavor to make manifest to you how recklessly we are pursuing the road to ruin in the event of war. For I am certain that 76 armorclads and 88 cruisers, some of which are of most questionable character—plus small craft—cannot possibly fulfil the duties expected of our Navy, and which are so incomparably greater than they were during our last war."

THOS. H. IRVINE sends to the Helena Independent a tribute to the memory of Lieut. Casey, with whom he has served as a scout. He says of him: "He was always chafing for action. If any rough, hazardous trips were to be made Casey was chosen to perform them. If not chosen he would volunteer to go, and never failed to accomplish what he undertook when in the saddle and in the field well equipped against the hostiles who so long kept back the settlement of eastern Montana, and I believe he never knew the

meaning of the word fear. He was loved by citizens as well as soldiers for his courage and his general traits of manliness. It is an eloquent commentary on the mismanagement of the Indian affairs which is the outgrowth of the sickly sentimentalism in the East that so good and so brave a man should be sacrificed in cold blooded savage treachery." Irvine adds some well deserved strictures upon the sickly sentimentalists who withhold their tears from our brave soldiers to bestow them upon the murderous Indians. He says: "The officers and soldiers must endure all the hardships of a winter campaign, stand up as targets for the Indians, but must not shoot back. I have no doubt there were more tears shed over the death of Sitting Bull than over the death of the brave Captain Wallace and the 30 soldiers killed at Wounded Knee."

In the case of Joseph F. Kingsley, late private Marine Corps, referred to last week, the Supreme Court holds that the claimant's right to retained pay depends upon section 1281, which distinctly provides that such pay shall be forfeited unless he serves honestly and faithfully to the date of his discharge. Kingsley's record shows that he was discharged for bad character, which the court holds furnishes a clear case of failure to furnish the honest and faithful service demanded by the statute. The lower court, whose decision is overruled, took the ground that a Court martial was necessary to determine the question of forfeiture of pay. The Supreme Court, however, holds that the claimant is entitled to that portion of his claim for transportation and subsistence from the place of discharge to the place of enlistment, the ground being taken that section 1290, which governs in the matter, contemplates a discharge as a punishment inflicted by the judgment of a Court-martial for a specific offence, and not such a discharge as was issued in this case for unfitness for service and general bad character. Mr. Justice Brown delivered the opinion.

THE San Francisco Report, referring to the desire of the U. S. Government to purchase the western edge of the City Cemetery for fortification purposes, says: "Uncle Sam has now a million dollars to spend upon the fortification. Let us therefore not proceed to cinch or try to cinch our Uncle in this business. When he was in the humor to give us a Post-office site, we—or some of us—decided that the time had come to 'cinch' the old gentleman; and so, instead of making it as easy as possible for him to get a site, we made it as difficult as possible, believing that such conduct would give us additional importance in his eyes. The consequence was that he got sick and tired of the whole business—us included; and now the Post-office scheme is 'in the air,' where it is likely to stay for several years. It is greatly to the credit of the United States Army that 'it touches nothing that it does not adorn.' Wherever there is an Army post, there one finds gardens, plantations, and good roads. The Presidio, for example, will, in due time, be the most unique and beautiful park on the face of the earth."

We are very glad to learn from Col. C. D. Hebb, 'commanding Marine Corps,' that there is no foundation for the statement that he received and refused to forward a petition from the younger officers of the Corps, asking for examination for promotions. Col. Hebb says: "No such petition was ever presented to me, nor was there ever a word spoken to me on the subject. I have been in favor of examination for promotions, and also for weeding out of the Corps all untruthful and unprincipled members. The misstatement can be readily understood, coming, as it did, a few days before the retirement of the commandant." We trust that Col. Heywood, who succeeds to the command, will take up the task of weeding his corps of "untruthful and unprincipled members" where Col. Hebb leaves it off, and we hope it is true, as reported in the Corps, that he is preparing a strong paper on the subject of examinations. The various reorganization bills have contained a proviso for such examinations, and a thorough sifting of the Corps by this process will add greatly to its efficiency.

AS AN evidence of the sound financial condition of Uncle Sam's soldiers, the New York Herald notes that on a recent Saturday evening, on 31 avenue, Private Bernard Hardy, U. S. Army, in an exuberance of spirits, due to a protracted conflict with the "rosy," amused a crowd by tearing up bank notes and scattering them to the winds. A policeman envious, doubtless, of the soldier's generosity, looked Hardy up for the night. On being released the next morning the evil spirits had evidently been exorcised, for Hardy was seen on the court-house steps trying to match torn bank notes.

THE official report of Major Kent and Captain Baldwin, the two officers detailed to investigate the particulars of the Wounded Knee battle, with the

endorsement of General Miles thereon, has been received at the War Department, and is now receiving the serious attention of the Secretary of War. It is rumored that General Schofield's endorsement, made after a review of all the papers, is favorable to Colonel Forsyth. It is understood that the whole matter will be discussed at a Cabinet meeting before any action is taken.

THE New York Times, referring to the death of King Kalakua, and the projects of foreign powers likely to follow, frankly says: "We have no great use for the islands at present, and our form of government is the worst in the world for managing a distant colony. Nevertheless, it is clearly our interests to discourage the acquisition of them by any European power and to favor the maintenance of their political independence."

At many of our garrisoned posts from which troops were ordered to the front, the sweet sounds of "Home Again" were heard during the past week and other hospitable welcomes awaited the weary troopers. For those still obliged to remain in the field we can only wish a safe and speedy return to permanent quarters and garrison comforts.

THE inspection branch of the Army is receiving a good deal of attention just now at Washington, and under General Orders No. 11, of Jan. 30, published this week, the military authorities there will doubtless have little trouble in keeping well posted as to the administration of affairs throughout the Army especially at the garrisoned posts.

GENERAL SCHOFIELD has referred the cavalry, artillery and infantry tactics to General Merritt, Colonel Closson and General Ruger, respectively, for examination and report before final action is taken on the report of the Tactical Board.

THIS is the week for troop, battery and company commanders to submit their recommendations of non-commissioned officers to be examined for promotion. We trust to see a goodly list and wish success to the aspirants.

THE second annual dinner under the auspices of Lafayette Camp S. O. V., in commemoration of the 82d anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, will be held at the Hotel Brunswick, New York City, February 12.

A 2d LIEUTENANT of Cavalry writes us: "Perhaps you know of some 2d Lieutenant of Artillery who desires Cavalry? I am his man."

FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS—SECOND SESSION.

The Army Appropriation bill has the distinction of being the first of the regular appropriation bills to pass both Houses during the present session. It still requires the action of a conference committee, however. It was passed by the Senate on Jan. 31 in substantially the same shape reported from the committee the week previous, the only notable exception being the striking out of the proviso prohibiting retired officers from drawing two pays from the Government, which the committee had voted to have remain in. It now remains for the Conference Committee to decide whether or not the proviso shall prevail. The other amendments to be considered by the Conference are those giving the commanding officer of the Fort Leavenworth Military Prison additional pay of \$500; reducing the mileage appropriation from \$170,000 to \$150,000; striking out the provision for reconstruction of Jefferson Barracks; increasing the appropriation for clothing, camp and garrison equipment from \$150,000 to \$200,000; for purchase of machine guns, \$20,000, and the clause in regard to rates to be paid land-grant roads.

The amendment proposed by Senator Voorhees to the Army bill, giving retired enlisted men commutation of fuel and quarters, did not receive the favorable action of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and was not brought up at all during the consideration of the Army bill in the Senate.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs, at a special meeting on Friday last, adopted favorable reports on H. R. 7976, to give non-commissioned officers the benefit of the R. S. relating to the issue of certificates of merit for gallant service; S. 4610, donating a part of the Fort D. A. Russell Military Reservation to the State of Wyoming; S. 4553, appropriating \$100,000 for the construction of a military post at Essex Junction, Vermont; S. 4506, making an appropriation for explorations in Alaska under military auspices, and S. 3896, requiring the accounting officers to re-open military claims for settlement.

The Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, as reported to the House by the Appropriation Committee, contains the following items of interest to the Army: Rock Island Arsenal, \$29 150; Springfield Arsenal, \$121 000; Augusta, Ga., Arsenal, \$7 500; Frankford, Pa., Arsenal, \$5 000; Indianapolis Arsenal, \$30 100; Sandy Hook, \$19 000; testing machine at Watertown, N. Y., \$10 000; Watervliet Arsenal, N. Y., \$69 100; contingencies of all arsenals, \$50 000; construction and enlargement of military posts, \$690 000; to complete the establishment of Chickamauga and Chattanooga Park, \$300 000; continuing publication of Rebellion Records, \$235 000; Artillery School (to provide means of instruction, etc.), \$5 000; Infantry and Cavalry School, \$1 300; for maintenance of refuge station at or near Point Barrow, on the Arctic Ocean, \$8 000.

A bill to appoint and retire Patrick Edward Connor as a brigadier general was introduced in the Senate Feb. 2 by Senator Teller.

The bill to issue the commission of Philip C. John-

son as a rear admiral to date, from Jan. 25, 1887, and deliver the same to his widow, was passed by the House Jan. 30. Rear Admiral Johnson became entitled to his promotion on the date named, but died before receiving his commission.

Members of the two military committees of Congress have strong hopes of securing the passage of the bill appropriating \$100,000 for an exploration, under military auspices, of the interior of Alaska. The bill has received favorable reports. It may possibly be tacked on to the Sundry Civil bill in case it cannot receive attention as a separate measure.

Senate bill 4397, directing an examination to be made for a suitable site for a military post and harbor defence at or near the city of San Diego, Cal., was passed by the Senate Feb. 3.

House bill 7976, to amend sections 1216 and 1236 so as to give non-commissioned officers, as well as privates, the benefit of the certificates of merit, etc., provided in those sections, and H. R. 608, appropriating \$200,000 for the enlargement of Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y., to a capacity of 12 companies, were passed by the Senate Jan. 31.

The bill to pay Dr. J. B. Read \$17,000 as royalty on projectiles furnished the Army, and that granting a pension of \$100 per month to Maj. Gen. Franz Sigel, U. S. Vol., was passed by the Senate Jan. 31.

The Military Academy Appropriation Bill was passed by the Senate on Feb. 4 in short order. But one amendment was made by the Appropriation Committee (an item of \$5,000 to repair cadet sinks), and this was agreed to and the bill passed, the only delay being the time consumed in reading it. As this amendment will be agreed to by the House there will be no necessity for a conference. Hence it is only a matter of a few days for this measure to become a law.

The Senate bill to restore John H. McBlair to the retired list of the Army as 1st lieutenant, and the House bill for the appointment of a board to inquire into the physical condition of Capt. Wm. C. Spencer at the time of his resignation from the Army were passed by the House Feb. 5.

The annual report of the Secretary of War showing the numbers of the organized and unorganized militia forces was submitted to Congress Feb. 4. It presents practically the same figures shown in the annual report of Captain Taylor, heretofore published.

At a meeting of the Senate Naval Committee on Thursday, the first held for some weeks, favorable action was taken on the postponed amendment to the naval bill appropriating \$500,000 for improving the entrance to Pearl River, Hawaiian Islands, the bill granting 30 days to per diem employees of navy-yards, and the bill for the retirement of officers, who have served as bureau clerks, with the rank of commander. The latter bill was so amended as to require that the officer must serve a full term of four years to entitle him to receive the benefit of the proposed legislation. Amendments have also been adopted by the sub-committee providing for the erection of a dry-dock at Port Orchard, for the completion of the dock at Port Royal, and for the improvement of Pearl River Harbor, Hawaiian Islands. No increase is recommended for new ships beyond the one authorized by the House.

The following resolution was presented in the Senate Feb. 5 by Senator Cameron on behalf of the Naval Committee and referred to the committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate: "Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be authorized to sit during the coming recess of Congress for the purpose of considering the various bills before said committee relative to the personnel of the Navy; and that said committee be further authorized to investigate the condition of the vessels of the naval fleet, including those not yet finished, and also to visit such Navy-yards and stations as it may be deemed advisable to inspect for the purpose of devising and recommending plans for the improvement of the methods of work therein, and for greater economy in the execution of such work; said committee as a full committee or through sub-committees to have power to employ a stenographer and to take testimony on oath concerning any alleged abuses or extravagance in management, and to have power to send for persons and papers; the expenses of said committee incurred in pursuance of this resolution to be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate."

The Senate Military Committee at a meeting on Thursday decided to make favorable reports on the nominations of Lieut. Scriven, to be Lieutenant in Signal Corps, and 2d Lieut. Finley, to be 2d lieutenant of infantry.

Senate bills for military explorations in Alaska and to restore Capt. Chas. B. Stivers to the retired list were passed by the Senate Feb. 5.

LATE ARMY ORDERS.

The following transfers in 10th Cav. are ordered: Capt. C. H. Cooper, from H to M; Capt. T. W. Jones, from M to L; 2d Lt. J. B. Hughes, from L to H, and 2d Lt. H. S. Whipple, from H to L. Leave is granted Maj. G. M. Randall, 4th Inf., for 4 months; 2d Lt. C. S. Fowler, 19th Inf., is retired on account of disability, on report of Promotion Board; Asst. Surg. J. C. Merrill is relieved from duty at Fort Reno and assigned to duty in the office of the Surgeon General; Lt. E. A. Garlington, 7th Cav., will proceed to his home in South Carolina, and is there assigned to recruiting duty; Capt. Allen and Lts. Glassford and Greene, Signal Corps, will continue on their present duties.

Col. Loomis L. Langdon, 1st Art., is detailed as Inspector and Instructor at a meeting of the commissioned officers of the New Hampshire N. G., at Concord, Feb. 28. Lieut. E. F. Taggart, 6th Inf., is assigned to duty at Norwich University, Vt.

Sick leave for one month is granted Col. Henry M. Lazelle, 18th Inf. (S. O. 10, Feb. 2, D. Texas.)

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of three months, is granted Capt. Allyn Capron, 1st Art. (S. O. 129, Feb. 4, Dept. M.)

Sick leave for one month is granted 1st Lt. T. S. Mumford, 13th Inf., with permission to apply for an extension of three months (S. O. 12, Feb. 4, Dept. M.)

1st Lieut. T. S. Mumford, 13th Inf., is relieved as J. A. of the G. C. M. at Ft. Sil, G. T., and 2d Lieut. A. G. Quay, 5th Cav., is detailed in his stead (S. O. 12, Feb. 4, Dept. M.)

THE REVIEW AT PINE RIDGE.

The Omaha Bee, speaking of the review at Pine Ridge, says of the 9th Cavalry: "Then came the 9th, the fame of which in this campaign is the subject of general conversation. In a certain sense it was the leading feature of the parade. The troopers are colored. They wore Buffalo overcoats. Long or short, light or heavy, they sat on their horses like centaurs. They seemed to glory in the soldier's life, to take to it as kindly as do the savages to the war-path. They looked like Esquimaux rigged out for an active campaign, alike fearless of the elements and storms of shot and shell. At their head rode Col. Henry, the fearless man who has led them in their rides over those hills and valleys and both into and out of the mouth of hell, which they have experienced on several occasions."

Of the 7th the Bee says: "Then came the 7th Cavalry, filled with heroes of Wounded Knee, and mourners for the dead who had perished there, and were sleeping in the little rude cemetery overlooking the agency."

The Leavenworth Cavalry Battalion: "Composed of troops which have done a great deal of sentry and other active work for the past two months. It was under the leadership of Col. Sanford, a bold and dashing soldier."

Of the 6th: "Under the veteran Gen. E. A. Carr, a regiment which has been ordered about from pillar to post for the past seventeen years."

We give here a memorandum showing the cavalry manoeuvres it was intended to perform on the occasion of the review at Pine Ridge had opportunity offered:

HEADQUARTERS CAVALRY BRIGADE,
CAMP ON WHITE CLAY CREEK, S. D., Jan. 22, 1891.
Memorandum.

In case it is desired to manoeuvre the cavalry brigade after the review, and no other directions are given, the following will be carried out as nearly as practicable:

First Period.

1st. Being in column of companies, facing south. On leading company 4th Regiment close in mass.

Second Period.

2d. First three regiments form line of regimental masses on the line of the leading company of the 3d, with 4th Regiment remaining in its place. The Hotchkiss guns of the 1st and 2d Regiments will be together on the right of the 1st Regiment; those of the 3d will be on its left. They will be so placed that the fire from the two batteries will be crossed.

Third Period.

3d. On 1st company 1st Regt. deploy; the 2d Regt. covering with skirmishers, by deploying 1st company to the right front, the 2d company forward, and the 3d company to the left front, the other two companies forming the reserve. The 3d Regt. will deploy, leaving interval for the 2d, and in deploying will refuse the left three companies in echelon. The 2d Regiment, after skirmishing a few minutes, will rally by companies, and the two reserve companies charge as foragers through the intervals, rally and fall back by echelon to their place in line.

Fourth Period.

4th. Meantime the 4th Regiment move forward in front of the right of the line, covered by rising ground, take full distance, wheel by companies to the left and charge the enemy in flank down the whole front. The charge will be in successive rushes of the odd and even numbered companies. Rally and take position on the left of the line.

The three troops of the 3d Regiment come up from echelon during the charge.
5th. Advance in line and dismount.
By order of Col. Carr: F. G. HODGSON,
1st Lieut. and Adj. 6th Cav., Act. Asst. Adj. Gen.

RETIRED OFFICERS AND CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

SENATOR HAWLEY made a noble and vigorous defence of the retired officer the other day in the debate on the proviso in the Appropriation bill prohibiting an officer from drawing two salaries from the Government. He said:

"Mr. President, this is a change of existing law and of a law that has worked no hardship nor injustice, so far as I know. It applies to twelve officers only of the five or six or seven hundred who may be on the limited list and the other list of retired officers. There are two of those officers who were put on that list by special acts of Congress. The others were all retired by due action of law by reason of disability, and in most cases it is a very serious disability; as, for example, Major Huxford, clerk of the Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate, who was shot through the head terribly at Malvern Hill, twice captured, and after those fearful wounds at Malvern Hill in three months was

back on duty, though he was so badly wounded that he was treated as a dead man. Another is Captain Mallory, retired, who was shot in the left hip and his arm badly wounded, a man who is doing excellent scientific work at no great compensation at the Smithsonian Institution. There is Capt. Morse, retired for disability after twenty-three years of honorable service, who has a family about him here, who went through the civil service examination and got a clerkship in the Bureau of Labor, where he is adding something to his income and paying for the little house that he has bought. F. E. Brownell, a clerk in the Pension Office, was retired for disease incident to the service. He has a modest clerkship in the Pension Office. He goes down to history as the man who shot the inkeeper who killed Col. Ellsworth at Alexandria. There is Capt. W. F. Atwell, who is a consul in France. He is from Wisconsin, and the Senator from that State can probably tell us how much he gets. I do not know. He lost his left leg and is unquestionably disqualified from anything like active service. There is Capt. Parker, who is treasurer of one of the Soldiers' Homes. He holds his place under special authority of law that retired officers may hold such appointments. The last one on this list is Col. John R. Lewis, postmaster at Atlanta, Ga. He had an arm shot off at the shoulder. I omitted two at the top of the list, Gen. Rosecrans, who is the Register of the Treasury, and Gen. Wm. F. Smith, who is familiarly known as 'Baldy Smith,' who is employed as a civil engineer, doing some work, I do not know what, under the employment of the Engineer Corps. That work he had when the bill passed that put him on the retired list.

"I submit that it is rather persistent, sharp, cold watchfulness to try if you can, by this amendment, prevent an injured and disabled officer from finding some place where he can add somewhat to his income. In a number of these instances, which I need not specify, these gentlemen have families, and I hope they are laying up a little something, because they are liable at any time, by reason of their disabilities, to be thrown out of these semi-civil employments which they have. I move to strike out the whole proviso. It seems to me that the generous feeling of the Senate will respond to that."

And it did, for the proviso was stricken out.

HOPE FOR THE WATSON LONGEVITY CLAIMS.

The favorable action this week of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs on the bill S. 3896, regulating the settlement of military claims opens up a slight ray of hope for the long delayed Watson longevity claims. The claimants long since gave up any expectation of getting relief from the accounting officers, in the light of the ruling made by 2d Comptroller Glikson against reopening claims, and the adverse report of the House Committee on Claims last session on the bill which sought to give the relief desired gave a rather discouraging prospect for any assistance from Congress. But the persistent efforts on the part of the attorneys interested, notably Judge Pettis of Pa., the counsel for Capt. Pullman, have not been without avail, as shown by the following bill adopted unanimously by the Senate Military Committee as a substitute for the one originally introduced by Senator Cullum:

That the accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, directed, on application being made by claimants or their heirs or legal representatives, to reopen accounts or claims settled at any time by said accounting officers, or paid in the ordinary manner by disbursing officers, under a construction of law subsequently declared by the Supreme Court of the United States to be erroneous, and all such accounts or claims shall be resettled and adjusted in accordance with the law applicable thereto as construed by said Supreme Court.

This substitute was drafted by the 2d Auditor of the Treasury, and if passed will accomplish all that is desired and what is right and proper. The following report, which was framed from the arguments presented by Judge Pettis, is a strong legal document, and should have great weight in securing favorable and final action on the bill.

"The purpose of the bill is to direct the settlement of any claim of any officer or soldier against the United States for service rendered that has been adjusted at any time by the accounting officers upon an erroneous construction of law and prejudicial to the lawful rights of the officer or soldier. It was held in Major Smith's case (14 C. Cls. R., 114) that—

"According to the general practice of the Treasury, accounts are never closed; and in neither the legal nor mercantile sense is an officer's account with the Treasury ever 'finally adjusted.' This practice is general, has been invariable since the organization of the Treasury, and is applicable to all officers as well as those intrusted with the disbursement of the public funds. Thus, when it was determined in 1872 that judicial salaries were not subject to the deduction of the income tax, the judges of the Supreme Court, like disbursing officers, were able to have their accounts at the Treasury restated, and the new balance which appeared owing to them (that is to say, the money which had been withheld from their salaries) paid over to them."

"To the same effect was the case of Emory and North (112 U. S. R., 512) regarded and followed in reopening a large number of claims which had been previously disallowed under erroneous construction of the act of July 10, 1848, and July, 1879, as well as the cases of the United States v. Rookwell (120 U. S. R., 214), United States v. Mullian (120 U. S. R., 136), United States v. Baker (125 U. S. R., 646), United States v. Cook (128 U. S. R., 254), United States v. Strong (125 U. S. R., 656).

"The position that 'a payment of a part of a debt is a final settlement of the claim' was denied in the case of Dr. Thomas H. Baird v. The United States, who was a surgeon in the Army (Devereux report, p. 188), the court holding that—

"Upon any principle known to the law this position is wholly untenable. It is easy enough to declare *ex cathedra* that it was a final settlement; but it is extremely difficult to imagine, in the absence of all evidence, what reasons can be urged for holding that the payment of a sum of money is of itself a discharge of a debt of a larger amount. A plea of payment of a smaller sum in satisfaction of a larger is bad, even after verdict, and unless we set at defiance every principle of law we can not hold that one party to a contract, without the assent of the other, can discharge his debt by the payment of a smaller sum than the amount due."

"More explicit was the language of the court in the case *Cape Anne Granite Company v. The United States* (20 C. Cls. R., p. 1):

"When the Government maintains its own construction of the contract, neither conceding nor compromising but compelling the other party to accept simply what it admits to be due, the transaction cannot be upheld as a settlement or compromise, though a receipt in full be given."

THE YELLOWSTONE PARK.

A WASHINGTON despatch says: "The assignment of Capt. George S. Anderson, with Troop 1, 6th Cav., to duty at Camp Sheridan, in the Yellowstone National Park, relieving Capt. F. A. Boutelle, 1st Cav., gives assurance that the military policing of this noble public pleasure ground, which has been very effective for the last four and a half years, will be continued. The military policing of the park will go on with thoroughness under Capt. Anderson, as under Capt. Harris and Capt. Boutelle, still the duty of Congress is to see that the needs of the park are provided for by suitable legislation."

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The "Discovery of Gold" will be covered in the next instalment of *The Century's* California papers. The March *Century* will contain an account of the Panama route and General Fremont's posthumous paper describing his part in the conquest of California.

James H. Earle, Boston, publishes an illustrated poem by William M. Thayer, entitled *Our Flag at Half-mast, a Souvenir of Memorial Day*.

From two volumes of romances and stories by Théophile Gautier, M. L. Hearn has selected and translated for publication by Worthington and Co., 747 Broadway, a volume entitled *One of Cleopatra's Nights and other Fantastic Romances*. In the title story Egypt's voluptuous queen, satiated with passion and weary of the world, finds a new sensation for the moment in the fierce desire of an Egyptian youth of marvellous beauty, who forces his way into her presence by stealing a passage from the Nile into her bath, following the conduit connecting the two. The other stories in the volume are equally French in their conception.

Maritz Ruhl, Leipzig, publishes a description of the Italian military establishment, with a series of 200 colored drawings showing the uniforms in detail. The title is *Die Italiensche Armee*.

The December number of the *Journal of the United States Cavalry Association*, which has been unavoidably delayed on account of the absence in the field of the officers charged with its publication, may be expected to appear about Feb. 5, 1891.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

MARE ISLAND NOTES.

JANUARY 19, 1891.

It is estimated that about one-fifth of the Navy, or between 1,800 and 1,700 officers and men, is now at this station. The presence of the flagship *Charleston*, the *San Francisco*, *Sucata*, *Alert*, *Thetis*, *Albatross* and *Patterson*, all in commission, explains this large total, and the array of ships, including as it does the *Marion* fitting out, the *Monadnock* completing, the *Hartford*, *Nipsic*, *Adams* and *Comanche* in the stream, and the *Independence* receiving recruits at the wharf, gives a very busy and martial look to the water front. The *McArthur* and *Hawley* are also near at hand. Valjejo, which owes its existence mainly to the Navy, is rejoicing. The streets are full of blue coats and blue shirts, whose wearers are spending their money freely, so freely that with the latter the joy of liberty too often gives way to hilarity and revelry by night, and the neighborhood of the dance halls called "the coast," furnishes the local papers with many curious items. Sandbagging, garroting, drugging and robbing are too common, the victims generally being men unable to take care of themselves. It is presumed that none of these are the Americans or military-seamen artillerists of the ideal Navy. With the departure of the ships the vultures will take flight and Valjejo relapse into her customary calm.

Much to the surprise of everyone, the docking of the *Charleston* revealed a very slight fouling of her bottom. She is being very carefully repainted. The *Albatross* will be docked and sail for Panama to meet Prof. Agassiz and explore the Galapagos Islands.

Instead of beginning the year in Yokohama, the *Alert* lingers here and recalls the celebrated Coghlan comments on Navy methods. She was rigged, painted and dry last September, and reported ready to go into commission Oct. 1. She had her officers and crew, and it was thought would have "quick despatch." Now, her seaworthiness is a standing and vexatious subject of debate and it is doubtful whether she will cross the Pacific at all. To all appearances she is in fine condition, the trouble being down below.

The outlook is better for the *San Francisco*, whose evolution is nearly complete. Her battery and silver service are on board and a sailing day can soon be set. Already she looks easier and handsomer than the *Charleston*, though less warlike, and a fine spirit is developing among her people. The marine guard, Capt. Richard Wallace, has attracted attention to its proficiency in drill and target practice, and will do much by example to infuse a healthy emulation into the crew, which, as usual, is of every maritime nationality.

The addition of two more target ranges on the Island has stimulated practice and both sailors and marines can be heard banging away daily. At the barracks a regular shooting tournament was held recently, some 15 or 16 valuable prizes being distributed. Capt. H. C. Cochrane was appointed master of ceremonies by Col. Jas. Forney and the most elaborate arrangements, including electric communication with butts, score cards, bulletins, umpires, luncheon, etc., were provided. Capt. Muse, of the *Charleston*, headed the firing details from the different ships—the *San Francisco*, *Sucata*, *Alert* and *Independence*, also being represented, and made a good score himself. Matches were fired at 200 and 300 yards, Blunt's rules, and then two teams of ten men each, the best shots developed, fired on the third day.

A formal distribution of the prizes followed, the winners being Privates Gorman and Krasso, Sergeants Gibson, and Pyle, Leighton, Truitt, Glenn, Barger, Heidel and Brazil. The team from the fleet beat the barracks and *Independence* by 14 points and won two boxes Havana cigars offered by the post trader, a meerschaum cigar holder, a case of beer offered by Lieut. Perkins, and a big food fruit cake presented by Mrs. Capt. Cochrane, which bore in snowy letters an inscription—"The Winners."

The first annual tournament of the Magnolia Tennis Club will be given at Magnolia Springs, Fla., beginning on Tuesday, March 5, 1891.

SERGEANT (to the soldiers)—"Fellows, you don't seem to realize how great a thing it is for you to be here. You come in as simple citizens and you go out as men."—*Fliegende Blätter*.

POST CHAPLAIN NAVE'S LECTURE.

FORT NIobrARA, Neb., Jan. 23, 1891.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

DEAR SIR: People in public service cannot always notice the criticisms to which they are subject too often by insufficiently informed, and sometimes by malicious people. It has been my custom to pass unnoticed the unkind things said about myself, and it might be better in this case, but a minister's good name is essential to his influence. I could well afford to let Mr. Schindler, the Fort Leavenworth correspondent of the Kansas City Times, rant about me in that paper, for while it has a limited circulation in the Army, it does not reach any considerable part of it. But when his irresponsible statements against me are quoted in the JOURNAL, one of the leading organs of the Army, it is probably due me, and those to whom I am appointed to minister, to say that in my Washington address, or in any other, for that matter, I said nothing about a gulf between officers and enlisted men, nor about the social relations or customs, nor what it would be just or proper or expedient to do. My statement was this: Officers generally do not hold it to be their function to teach religion and morals. They do not sit down with men who go astray and expostulate and entreat and exhort. They command. Their manner is that of authority, for the reason that it is believed that implicit obedience can better be secured in that way. The functions of religious and moral teaching, and rescuing the erring, devolve upon the minister, and there is the same field of usefulness for him in the Army as in civil life.

As to my speaking in Washington, which he criticizes, I can say only that, before doing so, I consulted the Adjutant-General of the Army, and it was with his hearty approval. As to the matter in my address, if there was anything in it that scandalized the Service, or was in any way improper, the Army has its protection in the honorable Secretary of War, who presided at the meeting and addressed it, both before and after I spoke.

As to service in the field, which Mr. Schindler tries to reflect upon me as having shirked, it is due me to say that when the troops of this post were ordered out, I applied to the post commander, Gen. Kautz, to be sent with them. The General fully appreciated my spirit and motives, and said he had no authority to order me out, and lacked transportation even if he could do so. I then determined to avail myself of the leave of absence, which was applied for before there was any thought of Indian troubles, and keep my engagement with the Christian Commission. Immediately upon my return I applied to Gen. Miles to have temporary station in any field hospital where I could do the most good. This was duly replied to by the department commander, explaining that the sick and wounded were being sent to their respective hospitals as rapidly as possible, and that if occasion required my request would be again considered. It is currently reported that a number of chaplains made like requests. I think there is not a chaplain in the Service who would not have gone to the field with gladness, and who did not feel inexpressible sorrow that he could not share the hardships of the troops. I know that this was true of myself. Very respectfully,

ORVILLE J. NAVE, Post Chaplain, U. S. A.

THE GREAT WESTERN AGAIN.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

In reply to your correspondent "D." in JOURNAL of 3d inst., concerning the "Great Western," so called on account of her great size, I will say that this kind-hearted woman with her horse and cart travelled with the Army of Occupation from Corpus Christi to the Rio Grande, keeping a mess for a number of the officers of the 7th U. S. Infantry, to which regiment her husband belonged. On April 30, 1846, the field work known as Fort Brown to this day, being near completion, Capt. Bragg's light battery, Capt. Lowed's foot battery, and the 7th Infantry, commanded by Major Brown, were designated to "hold the fort," while Gen. Taylor, with the remainder of the Army, marched to Point Isabella, 20 miles away, where our large supply train had been sent to await further orders.

Part of the Mexican Army was already on our (Texas) side of the river, and at daybreak May 2 opened fire on the fort and threw into it in three days about 3,000 shot and shell. During the siege, and while shot and shell were falling in the fort, this charitable woman prepared coffee and took it to the cannoners serving the guns. For this brave act the ladies of New Orleans presented her with a handsome sword and she was highly eulogized by the press of the country.

On taking station at Fort Yuma, Cal., in January, 1866, I found her at her old business, that of keeping a hotel, in Arizona City, on the Colorado River, where she died early in 1867. By direction of the post commander, with the approval of all concerned, her remains were laid to rest in the post cemetery under the flag she had loved so well, with all the honors of war.

ASTORIA, OREGON, Jan. 17, 1891.

The writer of this was a member of Co. K, 3d Infantry, commanded by Capt. W. S. Henry, father of Col. Guy V. Henry, major 9th Cav.—EDITOR.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

I HAVE just noticed a letter in your issue of the 3d instant, signed "D.," relating to the "Great Western," and think that the following facts may throw some light on the subject: During the month of August I was assigned to the duty of clearing up the military cemetery at old Fort Yuma, Cal., with instructions to ship all the remains pertaining to the Army to San Francisco for re-interment at the Presidio; among the others I found a grave with the following marks, viz.: "Mrs. Sarah A. Bowman, born June 5, 1812, in Clay Co., Mo. Died Dec. 23, 1866." I was informed that she had been a follower of the Army through the Mexican and Civil Wars, and that she was universally known as the "Great Western," and that she had been buried with military honors; a great many of the stories that I heard of her correspond with the description given by "D.," her remains were removed to San Francisco with the rest. I have a medal in my possession

which was found in her coffin after her disinterment.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Jan. 9, 1891.

EXAMINATIONS FOR MARINES.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

In your last issue, on page 390, there is an editorial stating that the younger officers of the Marine Corps have petitioned to have the recent Army law prescribing examination for promotion made applicable to the Marine Corps and that Col. Hebb, the acting commandant, refused to forward their petition. There is not an atom of truth in all this. No such petition, letter or request has ever been made, and, of course, Col. Hebb has not refused to forward the mythical petition. There have been several false articles on the subject of the Marine Corps printed lately, and it is very evident to me where the attacks come from.

We are never afraid of the truth. I think I may venture the assertion that every officer in the Marine Corps wants examination for promotion made a requisite, and the insinuation that they are afraid of it, or opposed to it, is offensively untrue. It was asked for by the Marine officers nearly twenty years ago in a bill put before Congress.

Respectfully,
ROBT. L. MEADE,
Capt., U. S. M. C.
NAVY-YARD, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31, 1891.

LIFE INSURANCE.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

THE appearance in your paper of Capt. Jackson's letter relative to permission to engage in Indian war granted by two insurance companies, etc., led me to address a letter to the association I am insured in for information on the subject. I enclose the answer, deeming it only fair that Army officers should know that this great association is not more strict in its requirements than any others, besides affording the cheapest life insurance in the world.

J. H. KING, 1st Lieut., 8th Cavalry.
CAMP ON TONGUE RIVER, MONT., Jan. 22, 1891.
N. W. ASSOCIATION, CHICAGO, Jan. 13, 1891.

J. H. King, U. S. A.:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.: In answer to your esteemed favor of the 3d inst., I find that your remittance to pay the December assessment was received on the 11th of December and was promptly acknowledged at the time. The next assessment issues Feb. 1.

You do not require any permit from this association to engage in Indian war, but I trust you will come out of the unpleasantness all right. We will send your assessment notices to Fort Keogh, Mont., the same as usual unless otherwise instructed by you. Yours fraternally,

J. A. STODDARD, Secretary, per Cobb.

THE REVENUE MARINE BILL.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

THE naval veterans of the Gulf have forwarded resolutions through the commander of their post favoring the transfer of the Revenue Marine Service to the Navy, through Senator Gibson, asking his support and hearty co-operation of the measure. It is to be hoped that the Senate will find time to pass the measure now before them for the consolidation of the Revenue Marine to the Navy. The fact of the matter is that the Revenue Marine, having no outlet for its supernumerary officers, it has become like the old Navy, top heavy; the bill ought to pass as an act of justice and economy to those officers who have served the country in time of war as well as peace. It would certainly infuse new life and energy in the corps in the way of retirement and promotion.

AJAX.

ORIGIN OF TERM GREASER.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

In your paper of the 24th inst. you quote from the San Angelo (Tex.) Enterprise something in regard to the origin of the term "greaser," as applied to the lower class of Mexicans. I think there is a proper and authentic derivation for that term. The word *gris*—pronounced grease—means a mixture of white and black, grizzled or gray. In the early days of Spanish exploration in Mexico few women accompanied the emigrants, so the men took to themselves wives from the Aztec and Pueblo Indians. Their descendants were called by Mexicans of pure descent *los grisos*—the men of mixed race. As *grisos* sounds very like "greasers" the mistake in spelling was easily made by Englishmen and Americans.

C. A. CURTIS.

MADISON, WIS., Jan. 27, 1891.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS.

The Independent says:

Invitations are out for a progressive euchre party to be given by Major and Mrs. W. H. Nash.

2d Lieut. H. C. Cabell, Jr., has gone to appear before an examining board at San Francisco for promotion.

Lieut. W. W. McCammon, 14th Infantry, has left for the principal cities on Puget Sound on recruiting duty.

Capt. Chas. H. Warrens has gone to New York on a leave with members of his family.

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Barton, recently stationed here, are enjoying a delightful vacation at San Diego, Cal. Dr. Barton's health is much improved since his sojourn in California.

Majors Wilcox, Muhlenberg and Burke, and Capt. Clark, have returned from a three days hunting trip up the Columbia. They captured little game, but had plenty of exercise.

FORT ASSINNIBOINE, MONTANA.

Mrs. GLENN, hospital matron at Fort Assiniboine, was found dead in her bed Jan. 9 from heart disease.

Lieut. E. H. Webber returned Jan. 26 from Hot Springs, Ark., much improved.

Mrs. Hill, wife of Lieut. R. G. Hill, 20th Inf., left Jan. 12 on a visit to her parents at Columbus, O.

Mrs. Cabanis, wife of Lieut. A. A. Cabanis, 20th Inf., spent a week lately in Fort Benton with her mother, Mrs. Patterson, who was seriously ill.

REMARKING upon the loading of the cruiser *San Francisco* with coal, emptied into her bunkers from baskets, the *Buffalo Express* suggests that if the coal had to be carried in scuttles, it would be necessary to engage a force of hired girls to load her. Not enough men who are able to carry a scuttle of coal could be found in the United States.

THE STATE TROOPS.

Correspondence on subjects appertaining to this department of the paper is always gladly received. The wishes of contributors as to the use of their names will be scrupulously regarded.

GENERAL STAFF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

AS THIS is the season of the year when the militia gathers its annual crop of new staff titles, it may be well to suggest that the positions on the military staff of the Governors of the respective Commonwealths should be filled by gentlemen who have had service in the field or in the National Guard and kept themselves au courant with the changes in regulations and tactics since 1865, as well as with the immense strides in small arms and field guns necessitating an entire change in tactics. In some of the States the Guard is an efficient body of troops for the preservation of order and the enforcement of the laws, and the endeavor of those at the head is to bring it as nearly as possible to the standard of Regular troops. In this endeavor they are handicapped by the custom, obtaining among almost all of the States, of placing officers on the Governor's staff, with respective ranks of lieutenant-colonel to major-general, without, in some cases, any military training or experience; in others with a creditable war record but no knowledge of changes in administration or tactics since the war, and in still other cases (worse still) as matters of political or personal favoritism. The effect of this is bad, very bad; the officers and men of the Guard grow to look upon the staff officers of the Commander-in-Chief as incompetent and unworthy of respect militarily, and this feeling finds expression in criticisms which are greatly prejudicial to discipline, the one and essential thing it is difficult to thoroughly teach the average American militiaman. If it is desirable to make such appointments then they should be made from men having given effective service, either in the field or in the Guard; if they are made simply to give certain gentlemen a military title, who have nothing to do and no knowledge to enable them to discharge the duties of their respective positions should occasion ever arise, then the positions should be abolished.

Every one honors the rank of a Regular officer for the reason that it represents certain fixed powers and responsibilities attained by the requisite training and service, but when an appointment is made upon the staff of a Governor of a major-general (the highest rank at present in the United States Army); a brigadier-general; a number of colonels and lieutenant-colonels *ad infinitum*, in many cases with no fitness by reason of lack of training, experience or service, what can the rank and file do but ridicule, among themselves, such holders of titles? To sum the matter up, would it not be well—

First—To abolish the Governors' military staffs entirely? The staff of the commanding officer being the staff, to all intents and purposes, of the Governor as that of the commanding officer of the United States Army is of the President, who is also Commander-in-Chief.

Second—If it is thought advisable for each Governor to retain a staff, to base the rank and number upon the numerical strength of the body of troops commanded.

Third—In any event it is not essential to the attainment of efficiency and the maintenance of discipline that such officers should be men of such training, service and experience as would command the respect of the rank and file, and make an appointment to the staff of a Governor a military promotion much to be desired and only to be obtained by good and intelligent military service.

Seventh New York.—Colonel D. Appleton.

COL. D. APPLETON, 7th N. Y., directed the regiment to parade on Feb. 6 at 8 P. M. for drill in the school of the battalion. The following changes are announced: 1st Lieut. and Adj. Willard C. Fisk commissioned captain Co. D, rank Dec. 29, 1890, vice Allen, resigned; 1st Serg. Francis G. Landon, 1st lieut. and adj., rank Jan. 6, 1891, vice Fisk, promoted; Ord. Serg. J. Watson Cochran, 1st lieut. Co. D, rank Dec. 29, 1890, vice Patterson, resigned, and Serg. Robert Mazet, 2d lieut. Co. D, rank Jan. 6, 1891, vice Mussman, resigned. After faithful and efficient service for twenty-five years, Sergt.-Major Wm. B. Coughtry, at his own request, has been honorably discharged. Sergt.-Major Coughtry enlisted as a private in Co. G, Aug. 7, 1865, and received the following promotions: Left general guide, March 26, 1875; right general guide, Dec. 19, 1877; ordnance sergeant, Jan. 3, 1881; sergeant major, Nov. 17, 1882. Discharged, Jan. 2, 1891. The following non-commissioned officers have passed the Board of Examination and received their warrants: 1st Sergs. Geo. J. Weaver, Co. I, and Frederick H. Clark, Co. D. 1st Lieut. Morton B. Stelle is appointed a member of the Board of Examination for Non-Commissioned Officers, vice Fisk, relieved at his own request. The regiment will parade at the armory for review and presentation of marksman's badges on Thursday evening, Feb. 13.

The scores in the second competition of the Team-of-Three Match, shot at the armory range on Jan. 31, was as follows:

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Tot.
Co. A	61	69	130
Co. B	56	67	123
Co. C	58	57	115
Co. D	63	56	119
Co. E	59	63	122
Co. F	63	57	120
Co. G	60	49	109
Co. H	62	63	125
Co. I	55	62	117
Co. K	57	67	124

In the Revolver Match, shot on the same date, the scores were:

1. W. N. Bayler, Co. C	30	21	44
2. A. Stein, Co. C	30	25	45-2-43
3. G. S. Towle, Co. D	21	21	42

Twenty-third New York.—Col. J. N. Partridge.

THE review of the regiment by Brig.-Gen. McLeer and the presentation of marksman's badges and team trophies, which took place last Saturday evening at the armory, drew a very large turnout in the ranks, besides a large gathering of spectators. The command was equalized into 10 companies of 16

files. Review was the first ceremony, followed by dress parade; both ceremonies were handsomely performed. The marksmen were then called to the front and, after a few complimentary remarks by Gen. McLeer, received their badges. The regiment last year qualified 500 marksmen and 30 sharpshooters. Capt. Ezra De Forest, Capt. W. L. Candee and Sergt. C. E. Bryant have qualified at Creedmoor range for 16 consecutive years. The following is a tabulated report of the rifle practice for 1890:

Company.	Number of marksmen.	First class.	Second class.	Third class.	General average of marks.
F., S. and N. C. S.	19	11	7	0	80.00
A.	101	30	30	27	57.17
B.	70	28	28	14	59.15
C.	70	28	28	14	59.15
D.	70	28	28	14	59.15
E.	60	17	17	4	47.33
F.	68	30	12	3	68.01
G.	65	30	26	2	62.14
H.	59	17	14	3	46.38
I.	52	17	17	3	54.41
K.	95	34	28	6	55.81
Regiment.	794	318	248	46	55.97

The prizes were distributed as follows: Capt. J. S. Shepherd, Co. D, "Oliver" medal for highest aggregate team score; Pvt. C. W. Simmons, Co. A, gold medal for the highest score in the regiment at 200 and 500 yards; Co. F, Capt. Thorn, for highest figure of merit in the brigade. Eight of the twelve members of the Inter-State Team were from the 23d, and they also received medals. Their names are: (Capt. E. De Forest and W. A. Stokes, Lieut. W. B. Pickett and F. A. Wells, and Privates C. W. Simmons, G. A. Scott, W. J. Elliott and H. M. Field. The brigade prize—a bronze trophy—was also presented to the regiment. Dancing concluded the very enjoyable entertainment. The committee in charge consisted of Major C. E. Waters, Lieut. G. E. Hall, F. A. Wells, F. C. Dennington and R. E. Whitney.

Ninth New York.—Col. W. Seward, Jr.

The regiment assembled in the armory on Thursday evening, Jan. 20, for review and the presentation of the State marksmen's badges, the medals for the ambulance corps, and prizes presented by the Board of Officers to the companies having the best percentage of marksmen and attendance at Creedmoor in 1890. The regiment was reviewed in line by Comptroller Theodore Myers, and presented a good appearance. The passage was omitted for lack of room. Dress parade followed, the manual of arms being very good. The marksmen were ordered to the front and centre, and Comptroller Myers in presenting the badges congratulated the regiment on the interest it had taken in marksmanship, and also said that the building of a new armory would commence in a short time. The sharpshooters are: Capt. J. M. MacConnell, 47; Lieut. J. M. Carrere, 48; Capt. H. C. Taylor, 44; Pvt. T. H. McGinn, 43; Sergt. W. J. Keegan, 42; Sergt. E. L. Chase, 42; Lieut. W. H. Truman, 42; Sergt. G. Heister, Jr., 42. One hundred and seventy men received the marksmen's badge. Capt. Chas. E. Kohlberger and Pvt. Noah D. Ward have each qualified consecutively for 16 years.

Co. D, Capt. Walton, received the prize for qualifying the greatest number of marksmen and the highest percentage in 1890, and Co. I, Capt. C. E. Kohlberger, received a prize for having paraded the highest number of men at Creedmoor in 1890. The ambulance corps medals were presented by Chaplain Maynard to Pvt. A. C. Dupont, Co. B; Pvt. W. H. Taylor, Co. B; Pvt. F. E. Ittner, Co. C; Pvt. C. E. Voight, Co. C; C. W. Scheibing, D; Corp. U. Abernethy, G; Pvt. T. Werthmuller, G; Pvt. Alfred Fink, H; Corp. M. Simmel, I.

While the companies were marching off and the regimental band was playing, the leader of the band, Mr. Contorno, went in front of the band and ordered it to cease playing. The music of the regiment is under the control of the drum-major, who should give the orders when the band shall commence and stop, and the action of the band leader in stopping the music provoked considerable criticism.

The Drum and Fife Corps, under the charge of Drum Major Hill, gave some very fine selections of martial music, which were well received by the audience, after which the floor was cleared for dancing.

The several companies of this command will assemble at the armory for battalion drill as follows, viz: Cos. B, C, G and F, Tuesday, Feb. 10, and Tuesday, Feb. 17; Cos. E, I and K, Wednesday, Feb. 11, and Wednesday, Feb. 18; Cos. A, D and H, Thursday, Feb. 12, and Thursday, Feb. 19.

Twenty-second New York.—Col. John T. Camp.

The opening ceremonies at the new armory, consisting of a review by Gov. Hill and a dress parade and presentation of marksmen's badges, long service and ambulance corps medals, which took place last Saturday evening, Jan. 31, brought an immense crowd of people to the new building. It had been hoped that the new armory would have been complete in all details and have been formally turned over to the regiment on the above date, but such was not the case, and it will probably be a month or even longer before the regiment is in full possession.

Promptness was a noticeable and pleasing feature of the evening. The first call for assembly was given at five minutes to 8. Gov. Hill accompanied by 16 members of his staff were promptly on hand at three minutes to 8 o'clock. Roll call occupied 2 minutes and 7 seconds. The 1st sergeants reported promptly and Adj. Hart of the 9 companies of the regiment made an equalization of 10 companies of 16 files each, Co. E being divided into two commands. Adjutant's call sounded at 8:15 o'clock and the formation for review was completed in 3 minutes and 36 seconds, the regiment being turned over to Col. Camp. The line was formed in handsome shape. Gov. Hill attended by his staff reviewed the command in line. It looked exceptionally well. In the passage the salutes of colonel and staff were timely; those of the line officers although timely were, as a rule, awkward. The 4th and 6th companies passed with the best fronts. Line was reformed in very fair shape. There was, however, a little crowding in the right wing and a little too much distance in the left. Adj. Gen. Porter presented the long service medals, the following members being entitled to wear them: Gold certificates—Pvt. J. J. Sullivan, B, Oct. 15, 1869, and Capt. W. E. Precece, A, Jan. 21, 1870. Silver certificates—Sergt. M. E. Burnton, F, Feb. 20, 1872; B. M., P. S. Gilmore, N. C. S., Oct. 1, 1873; Capt. Wm. N. Dunning, staff, April 15, and 1st Lieut. Jas. P. Kenworthy, A, Sept. 7, 1874; 1st Lieut. N. McDonald, C, Dec. 10; Capt. Wm. B. Smith, F, June 8, and 1st Lieut. W. S. Bennett, F, Sept. 2, 1875. Bronze medals—Pvt. G. W. Willis, D, July 24, and Corp. H. J. Garidel, B, Nov. 26, 1877; Sergt. G. C. Priest, G, Oct. 14; Col. H. W. Prescott, N. C. S., Oct. 21, and Capt. G. E. Hart, C, Dec. 24, 1879; Sergt. L. F. Harrison, Jr., C, March 13; Capt. J. G. R. Lillendahl, C, May 5; Sergt. David Lowenstein, F, Oct. 5; Sergt.-Maj. S. F. Hart, N. C. S., Nov. 1, and Pvt. J. T. Mahony, A, Nov. 29, 1880.

Nineteen members of the regiment who formed the ambulance corps of last year and passed the prescribed examination were presented with the State badge as an indication of a special fitness to aid the sick and injured under urgent circumstances.

Gen. C. F. Robbins presented the marksmen's badges, 157 members being entitled to wear them. The sharpshooters

were: Capt. N. B. Thurston, E; Pvt. A. M. Evans, E; Sergt. D. J. Murphy, B; Capt. A. T. Weston, asst. surg., staff; Sergt. M. E. Burnton, F; Pvt. Robt. Byars, G; Major W. K. Pross, surg., staff, and Lieut. H. H. Treadwell, B. Dress parade, taken by Lieut.-Col. Wm. Y. King, began at 8:57 o'clock, the formation from adjutant's call to the command "quies post" being completed in 2 minutes and 18 seconds. Each company came on the line in handsome shape. The manual by companies was very good, that of the 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th companies being the best. During the sound-off the band marched to the left in "common time" and returned to its position on the right in "quick time." The remainder of the ceremony was concluded in excellent style. The manual by the regiment during the evening was well executed.

When it is considered that this is the first time the regiment has been brought together for close on a year, praise for the excellent showing made is all the more deserved. The new adjutant (Hart) made his debut on this occasion and went through his work like a veteran.

The military ceremonies were concluded early, the battalion marching off the floor at 9:10 o'clock. Following came a delightful promenade concert by Gilmore's Band, and then an order of nine dances. The committee of arrangements were Lieut.-Col. Wm. Y. King, Capt. George E. B. Hart, and Capt. Wm. J. Hussey. There was no confusion with the immense crowd present and the comfort of the guests was well looked after. A liberal collation was provided for the special guests, of which there was a large number. Among the more prominent were Gen. J. Porter, T. H. Barber, A. F. Jenks, P. P. Marie, Louis Fitzgerald, Col. George D. Scott and Daniel Appleton, Lieut.-Col. J. B. Frothingham, G. Moore Smith, T. B. Rand, H. C. Clorbridge, Major W. H. Kipp, Capt. G. W. Rand, W. H. Kirby, C. S. Burns, J. M. MacConnell, J. O. Johnson, E. Roosevelt, D. Wilson, J. P. Leo, Adj. Decker, Homer Boswick, J. Murphy, H. C. Cochran, and Lieut.-Col. Jas. Moran. In officers of the U. S. Army were Lieut.-Col. L. Smith, Capt. F. D. Garrett, 17th Inf.; Lieut. G. W. Burr, 1st Art.; Lieut. H. Hall, 4th Inf., and Lieut. W. P. Van Ness, 1st Art.

The Entertainment Committee consisted of Lt. Col. W. V. King, Capt. W. H. Hussey and G. E. Hart.

Sixty-ninth New York.—Col. Jas. Cavanagh.

The right wing of the regiment assembled for drill in the school of the battalion on Tuesday evening, Jan. 20. The battalion was divided into six commands of 12 files, and after considerable delay in equalizing the commands, it was turned over to the instructor, Lieut.-Col. Jas. Moran. In exercising in the manual of arms, the execution of the motions by several companies showed many careless or improperly instructed men. In forming fours, single rank, the first four halted and came to a carry arms, instead of remaining at a right shoulder. After marching around the room in column of fours the command was given fours left and halt, at which some companies were found to be in single rank and some in double rank. Before drilling, the command in the loadings and braces the instructor gave the command arms port and open chamber, and ordered the officers to examine the pieces. Some officers were very particular to look in the barrel of the pieces at the muzzle for a possible stray cartridge instead of in the breech. At the command load, several of the first sergeants loaded their pieces and did not retire at the command fire by battalion. The firing was very good. The command broke into column of fours, and the order was given, companies column left. Some commands executed the movement properly, and others executed fours left and came out in company front. After the companies were halted and dressed the command was given, companies fours right, at which the commanders of companies should go to the heads of their companies, instead of remaining in the centre of their commands. The command, close column on first division, was fairly executed. The trouble in the close column movement was due to the fact that some of the guides did not face in the proper direction, and the file closers did not close up to one yard. In the deployments on the first division the guides were slow in coming out on the line, and the chiefs of some divisions gave the command, support arms, when that order should be given by the company commanders. In the movement on six company deployment, column of fours, the companies marched too far to the right before they changed direction, and marching to the front some of them did so without any guide being announced. At the command, right of companies to the rear into column, some of the companies marched too far to the right before the command was given, fours left, and the guides were slow in getting into position. All these movements were carefully explained by Lieut.-Col. Moran. The order was given to deploy an skilfully. They were deployed in six lines, and the first company of the battalion showed itself superior both in its rapid formation and correctness of intervals when the line was deployed. The companies were ordered to rally by fours, and the firings were very good. After the drill the line was formed for dress parade, and review, under the command of Capt. Brennan. The formation was very good. Lieut.-Col. Moran was reviewing officer. In the passage the distance was poor, and some of the men were more intent on looking at the reviewing officer than looking direct to the front. Better results would probably be obtained if the number of companies were reduced to four instead of six, as the small drill hall renders it difficult to manoeuvre so many men.

The grand ball of the regiment at Madison Square Garden last Monday night was a very brilliant affair and very largely attended, prominent city officials, military men, and citizens being numerous. Capt. McCarthy and wife led the grand march. The military march was led by Col. Cavanagh, and in honor of Col. Strachan, 9th Regt., of Boston, and his officers, who attended the music for the grand march was "Col. Strachan March," which was so well received at the Massachusetts camp last year. Among the many occupying boxes were: Lieut.-Col. Jas. Moran, Major E. Duffy, Capt. C. S. Burn, Capt. T. Mortimer, Col. Cavanagh, Capt. T. Kerr, Commissioner Coleman, Adj. J. Murphy, Capt. Brennan, Coleman, Ryan, Morgan, Quinn, and McCarthy, Lieut. Leonard, McCrystal, and Lynch, and others. Military organizations were represented from almost everywhere, and the whole affair was of the pleasantest and most successful character.

SOME COMING EVENTS.

We have received notification of the following:
Feb. 9.—Invitation reception, Co. I, 71st N. Y., at armory.
Feb. 9.—Review of 18th N. Y. at armory.
Feb. 12.—Review and presentation of marksmen's badges, 7th N. Y., at armory.
Feb. 14.—Joint meeting, 1st Regt., Mass. V. M., and Boston Athletic Association, at Boston.
Feb. 14.—Promenade concert, 23d N. Y., Gilmore's Band, at armory.
Feb. 14.—Exhibition drill of right wing, 23d N. Y., at armory.
Feb. 20.—Review and ball, 2d Batt. N. Y., at armory.
Feb. 21.—Athletic games, 23d N. Y., at armory.
Feb. 21.—Review and presentation of badges, 8th N. Y., at armory.
Feb. 23.—Ball of Non-com. Officers, 13th N. Y., at armory, Brooklyn.
Feb. 25.—Athletic entertainment, Co. E, 23d N. Y.
Feb. 28.—Annual ball, 1st Battery, N. Y., at armory, West 44th street, N. Y. City.
Feb. 28.—Athletic games, 71st N. Y.
March 23.—Review of 19th N. Y.
March 31.—Athletic games, 8th N. Y.
April 4.—Athletic games, 7th N. Y.
April 15.—Athletic games, 12th N. Y.
April 30.—Review of 18th N. Y., at armory.

Co. B, 71st N. Y., gave one of its pleasant informal receptions at the Harlem Opera House Hall on Saturday evening, Jan. 31. An interesting and well-executed drill opened the entertainment, which was followed by dancing. There was a large and select attendance.

State Fencibles, Penn.—Maj. Crew.

MONDAY evening, Feb. 2, the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, was filled almost to overflowing, the occasion being the fourth annual military and dress reception of the Fencibles. A concert by the battalion band began at 8:30 p. m. and ended at 9, when the curtain rose, disclosing the battalion in close column, forming a handsome tableau. The next lifting of the curtain showed the stage bare of soldiers, except the adjutant, sergeant-major and markers. The call being sounded, the markers were promptly placed and the battalion of four companies of 12 front each, double rank, was quickly formed and turned over to the major.

The drill that followed was so near perfect that there was scarcely a chance for criticism. Companies left forward, fours left, was followed by a march in column of fours, with no noticeable loss or gain of distance anywhere in the column. Close column of companies followed in good shape, and was in turn followed by an excellent change of front by the right flank. Double column, fours left and right, and a deployment were excellent, except that the fourth company was not baited a sufficient distance from the line; an error noticed in all the deployments. However, hardly a fault can be found with a single other movement, except left of companies rear into column. It was accompanied with the usual mishap of companies moving too far from the alignment. The manual was excellent—almost perfection itself. Following the drill of the battalion came a drill by a part of the 2d Battery, New York National Guard, under Capt. David Wilson. They paraded two Gatling guns and limbers. The reputation of this command cannot be enhanced by saying that the drill was as perfect in its line as was that of the battalion in the line of infantry drill. Action front, action rear, dismounting gun and limber, assembling, opening fire and changing front could not have been better executed. Firing with diminished numbers was the most effective part of the drill, and took the house by storm. The drill was enthusiastically applauded throughout.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

CONSOLIDATION IN OHIO.

The first step looking towards the consolidation of the infantry companies in the southwest portion of the State is found in a request from General Headquarters to the colonels of the 31st and 13th Regiments asking their resignations. From the companies (15 now in service) it is expected a permanent 13 company regiment will be made, looking to territory, rather than present material, for it is certain that several of the companies now of the 3d will require making over, especially in the securing of competent officers, before any real military workers will be satisfied with them. The assignment of territory for a 12-company regiment is the only way to make organizations permanent. One for each of the cities—Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, and Dayton—disposes of the bulk of the allowance (28 companies), leaving room for another of the same size in the country, or two temporary organizations of a companies each. I believe the colored companies should remain as separate companies for the present.

We all favor Gen. Henderson's bill and hope that it may become a law, that our militia may become a part of the Army, in fact—receiving pay and made to conform as far as possible to the discipline and work of troops of the Regular Service.

RED ACORN.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

CONNECTICUT.

ADJ. GEN. EMBLER has issued his annual report. There are 176 commissioned officers and 2,451 enlisted men in the C. N. G., a gain of 54 officers and men. He advocates new rifle and machine guns, a brigade rifle range at Niantic, the location of Battery A in two of the larger cities, and two companies of heavy artillery to be attached to the 3d and 4th Regiments to serve as a nucleus in case of need. The expenses of the Guard have been \$106,038.18, and he recommends that hereafter the State appropriate the full amount received from the commutation tax, about \$110,000. The inspection showed two officers absent (the quartermaster and chaplain of the 2d) and 256 men out of a total of 2,453; per cent. present, 90.96. Concerning the 1st Regiment he says: "The officers so tendering their resignations were given ample opportunity to recall them and continue in service. Such of them as declined to do so have been replaced by new appointments, with the result that the 1st Regiment is now an organization of 10 companies instead of 8, as heretofore, with a full complement of commissions in field, staff, and line."

The Quartermaster General, W. B. Rudd, recommends new blouses and fatigue caps and new rifles. He wants an appropriation of \$4,000 for repairing the New Haven armory. Capt. Geo. M. Coir, Co. I, 3d Regiment, has resigned. Leave of absence for three months has been granted to 1st Lieut. Frederick Farnsworth, paymaster of the 3d. The resignation of 1st Lieut. Henry E. Chapman, Co. H, 1st Regiment, has been accepted.

The 2d Regiment again leads the brigade by a large figure for the month of December.

MINNESOTA.

The 12th annual convention of the National Guard of Minnesota was held at St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 15 and 16. Col. Wright, president, being absent, Maj. G. S. Ives, vice-president, was in the chair. A large number of officers were present, among the more prominent being Adj. Gen. J. H. Mullen, Gen. C. S. Bunker, Lieut. Col. G. A. Whitney, Maj. J. A. Eckstein, N. B. Fulmer and R. D. Libbey, Capt. J. J. McGuinness and others.

The Committee on Legislation reported in the person of Col. Bohiet, who announced that the committee had deemed it advisable to ask for an appropriation for blankets and overcoats for the men when on duty, there being at present no provision for these articles, which would be much needed if the Guard were called into action.

The first paper was read by Col. Mason, of Fort Snelling, on the history of military medical service. Maj. Fitzgerald read a paper which was an eloquent plea for the instruction of a medical ambulance corps in the National Guard. Capt. McGuinness' paper on the interests of the mounted battalion was listened to with much interest. Col. Bend read a paper on the new military tactics, describing in detail the differences introduced in the formation of companies and battalion.

The matter of legislation was discussed, and remarks made by Senators Tawney and Davis both of whom professed themselves ready to serve the interests of the guard to their utmost. Ignatius Donnelly addressed the convention. Mr. Donnelly admitted the reasonableness of the request of the Guard for an appropriation, and stated his willingness to further as far as possible their interests in the matter. Col. Chantler's paper on the Inter-State competition gave an interesting account of the Camp Douglas contest, and Gen. Mullen's remarks following were full of warm commendation for the Minnesota competitors. The following resolution was read by Col. Bend and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be instructed to introduce a bill to make it obligatory in each county in which there is one or more companies of the N. G. S. M. to provide said company with a suitable armory, lighted and heated.

NEW JERSEY.

We have received the report of Bvt. Major-Gen. W. B. Stryker, Adjutant-General of the State. The last annual inspection showed the force to consist of 325 officers and 3,806 enlisted men. The force is organized into 81 companies of infantry and two Gatling gun companies. Gen. Stryker, among other things, says: "About ten per cent. of force is changed each year, and our encampments are natural schools of instruction for recruits and are not always occasions for exhibitions of proficiency in military skill. If our entire Guard remained always the same it would then be always equally efficient, and the necessity for an encampment would not be as apparent. The State and the National Guard have good reason to be well satisfied with the results of these yearly encampments." Appended to the report of Gen. Stryker are the following: Annual report of Col. S. M. Dickinson, A. G. Chief of Enrolling and Drafting; annual report of Brig.-Gen. W. C. Heppenheimer, Insp.-Gen.; reports of Inspectors of 1st and 2d Brigades; annual report of Brig.-Gen. Bird W. Spencer, Inspector-General of Rifle Practice; annual report of Bvt. Major-Gen. Wm. J. Sewell, commanding 2d Brigade at encampment; general orders issued during the year; statements of commissions, resignations, and discharges; roster of commissioned officers of the National Guard.

Insp.-Gen. Heppenheimer reports the Guard of the State in good condition and well disciplined, clothing properly cared for, and arms and equipments in good order. Plenty of ammunition is on hand. The only great need, says the General, is new and well constructed armories. The duties of brigade inspectors have been performed with thoroughness and ability. Inspector-General of Rifle Practice, Spencer, announces that the State figure of merit has increased from 25.12 in 1889 to 30.19 in 1890. 87,555 rounds of ammunition were expended.

ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD.

THROUGH the courtesy of Colonel Charles P. Bryan, A. D. C. on the staff of Governor Fifer, we have received advanced sheets of the interesting annual report of Adj.-General J. W. Vance for the years 1889 and 1890. He states the two brigades have been reorganized and each infantry regiment given 12 companies. The 1st Brigade, Brig.-Gen. Chas. Fitz Simons, Chicago, comprises the 1st, 2d and 3d Regiments of Infantry and Battery D. The 2d Brigade, Brig.-Gen. Jasper N. Heese, Springfield, comprises the 4th, 5th and 6th Regiments of Infantry and Battery A. The aggregate strength of the Guard is 3,700 officers and men. The general condition of the State force has never been better. The Legislature appropriated no money for a camp of instruction in 1890. Gen. Vance urges that provision be made for annual instruction in camp. He says: "I have been both gratified and surprised at the skill and ingenuity displayed by commanding officers in keeping up the interest of their officers and men, and in preserving their organizations in a fair state of discipline." The 1st Infantry, aided by Chicago enterprise and liberality, is congratulated on receiving such a fine state of discipline as that to be shortly opened. The Secretary of War detailed Bvt. Lieut.-Col. Gaines Lawson, Captain, 25th U. S. Infantry, to inspect the Illinois camps in July and August, 1890. Col. Lawson was also detailed for duty with the State of Illinois. During the past year he has inspected nearly every organization in the Guard. In addition to his counsel and advice, he has made himself useful in ways too numerous to mention. Referring to small arms firing, Gen. Vance says: "The results obtained during the year 1889, were highly satisfactory. Out of less than 3,000 practicing, there were 2,429 who qualified in the various classes. Col. James M. Rice is now at the head of the Dept. of Rifle Practice. A part of the State troops were detailed for active duty in aid of the civil authorities upon two occasions during the year 1889. At Broadwood, Will county, May 27, and at Spring Valley, Bureau county, June 1. The moral effect of the mere presence of the troops was alone sufficient to preserve law and order. No higher compliment could be paid to the commanding officers and their men, or to the efficiency of the State troops." It is recommended that \$120,000 per annum be appropriated for the Guard, and \$25,000 for a rifle range.

VARIOUS.

The commissioned officers of the Vermont N. G., will meet for instruction and drill at Brattleboro, Vt., Feb. 24 and 25, 1891. Brig.-Gen. Wm. L. Greenleaf, commanding brigade.

Colonel Gaylor, 47th New York, directs the regiment to assemble at the armory for instruction as follows: Right wing, Companies K, F, G and H, Mondays, Feb. 9 and 10; left wing, Companies D, A, B and I, Thursdays, Feb. 12 and 13. Assembly at 5 o'clock, P. M. Lieut.-Col. Eddy and Major Pettigrew will instruct their respective wings on the occasions as above ordered.

Co. E, 231 N. Y., will give an entertainment at the Criterion theatre, Feb. 25. It will be an athletic and for gentlemen only. There will be competitions in boxing, club swinging, trapeze work, etc. The women friends of the company will be entertained at the Criterion, Feb. 11, when "Mixed Pickles" will be produced.

The companies of the 11th Regiment, N. Y., Col. Mitchell, will assemble at the armory for battalion drill as follows: Companies E, K, H, D and G, Feb. 12 and 13, and Companies A, I, F, C and B, Feb. 11 and 12.

The right wing of the 23d N. Y., will hold a battalion drill and dress parade at the armory on the evening of Feb. 14. Lieut.-Col. A. C. Smith will be in command.

The first of the series of promenade concerts which are to be given in the new armory on the 23d N. Y. Regt. on each alternate Saturday night, by Gilmore's famous band, will be held Saturday, Feb. 14. Ample seating accommodations will be arranged for 5,000 people, besides space for a grand promenade around the entire armory floor. After each concert a few informal dances will be given. The tickets are 50 cents each, which for such a high class of entertainment is very reasonable.

The 12th N. Y. assembled for review, by Col. Dowd, and presentation of the Butt trophy to Co. B on Feb. 6. Lt. Col. Miller was in command at review. Dress parade was taken by Col. Dowd, after which Co. B, Capt. Burns, was ordered to the front and centre, where ex-Lt. McCoskey Butt in a few well chosen words formally presented the trophy, through Col. Dowd, to the regiment. Col. Dowd appropriately responded and presented it to Co. B, the present winners. A handsome compliment was paid to Co. B by Co. F, in command of Capt. Murphy. After the drill, the latter company received B. in its room and gave three hearty cheers for the victors. Other compliments were also passed and a friendship of over 20 years between the two commandants were becomingly celebrated later.

A despatch from Ottawa states that steps are being taken to have a Canadian team compete at Creedmoor this year for the Hilton trophy.

W. W. Ladd, Jr., has been appointed Asst. Judge Advocate on the staff of Gov. Hill, with the rank of colonel. He is an able lawyer.

Gov. Jas. S. Hogg, of Tex., has appointed W. H. Marbury adjutant-general, and the latter has already entered upon the duties of his office. In his first order, Gen. Marbury announces that all officers and military organizations now in the service, as shown on roster on file in the A. G. O., will be retained in their present positions until further orders. The Commander in Chief expresses his appreciation of the progress made by the Texas Volunteer Guard, and the patriotic duties assumed by them.

The Detroit Light Guard, consisting of Cos. A and F, 4th Regt. Michigan state troops, will hold an informal reception at their armory in Detroit on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 10, tendered to Gov. Winans and staff, and in the evening, in honor of the Governor and his staff, a Governor's levee and military soiree will be held at the Detroit Rink. The occasion will be a grand one, attended only by the most distinguished citizens and military men. The invitations are very handsome.

The next competition for the "Biker Trophy" will be shot at the armory range of the 12th N. Y. on Wednesday evening, Feb. 11. In a match between Cos. A and B on Feb. 2, ten men on a side, the team from Co. B won by 75 points, scoring an aggregate of 364 against 292 by Co. A. The team from Co. B was composed of novices, Corp. Wm. H. Downes, Co. E, has won the Sharps rifle offered for competition in the company by Sergt. McDermott. His score was 48 points out of 50.

Col. J. N. Partridge, 23d N. Y., directs the field officers, adjutant, sergeant major, sergeant standard bearer, general guides, markers, and the several companies of this regiment to assemble on the evenings hereinafter designated, at 8 o'clock, for battalion drill: Cos. E and F, Tuesday, Feb. 10; Cos. I and K, Thursday, Feb. 12; Cos. C and D, Monday, Feb. 16; Cos. A and B, Wednesday, Feb. 18; Cos. G and H, Friday, Feb. 20.

Brig.-Gen. Bird W. Spencer, inspector general of rifle practice of New Jersey, recommends that the National Guard be educated to shoot as soldiers and not as target shooters, and says that Army Regulations are superior to Creedmoor rules. All Army target shooting is done on targets having oval bull's-eyes, while the skirmish firing is alternated between these targets and figures of men placed at both known and unknown distances. Gen. Spencer is in favor of an Inter-State Association, modeled after the Military Association of the National Guard of the Northwest, and to be composed of the States of N. Y., Pa., Conn., Mass., Del., N. J., and Dist. of Columbia. In reference to the contests at Creedmoor last fall, Gen. Spencer strongly condemns the apology for a building provided for them, with a leaky roof, and also the system of targets used, as being unreliable in rainy weather. Gen. Spencer refers pleasantly to the many kindnesses and courtesies shown them by the officers and members of the 7th Regiment while at Creedmoor, but he has grave doubts as to the accuracy of the marking.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. W.—The act of August 19, 1890, prohibits any retired officer of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps from drawing pension under any law.

C. F. P.—No action has yet been taken by the Commanding General on the new tactics, and it will be some months yet before copies are obtainable.

Machinist.—Apply at the recruiting rendezvous at New York Navy-yard. Good machinists are now in great demand by the Navy. The pay is \$70 per month.

E. U.—Write to Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C. for information. Your statements are somewhat vague, but you seem to be entitled to a pension.

A. D. C.—There are no abandoned military posts in Ohio, to our knowledge; and there is but one garrisoned one—Columbus Barracks—and that is a recruiting depot.

Lieutenant.—Those who join during the target season, and are not classified, stand on the same footing as to classification as recruits who have joined during the present year.

Keogh.—There are 16 additional 2d lieutenants of artillery yet to be supplied with vacancies. None have as yet been appointed to 2d lieutenants since graduating in June last.

J. R. J.—The National Flag should undoubtedly be the flag for the occasion you mention. That flag covers all the departments of the Government located in the public building.

J. L.—The 21st New York District will be vacant in 1892. The Hon. J. M. Weaver will represent the district in next Congress and will have control of appointments to the Military Academy.

B. B. asks: Can a soldier in his second enlistment, but not a re-enlisted man, purchase his discharge? Ans.—No. Discharge by purchase is confined to the second and third years of the first enlistment.

Canteen Sergeant.—In A. G. O. letter of April 23, 1890, it was announced that "in case two or more companies or organizations have a joint mess, canteen profits are payable to the consolidated mess funds."

W. S. W.—A discharge from the line to enable enlistment in the Signal Corps might be secured, but it is doubtful. Write to the Chief Signal Officer of the Army for copy of circular giving full information as to mental and physical requirements.

Schonebin.—Three officers of the 4th Artillery were killed in the battle with the Modoc Indians, April 23, 1878—Capt. Evan Thomas and Lieuts. Albion Howe and Arthur Cranston. One, Lieut. Geo. M. Harris, died of wounds received in that battle.

Constant Reader.—The fact of your having served five years in the Army and received an honorable discharge does not, of itself, give you a right to vote, but the production of your discharge to the proper civil authorities entitles you to receive full naturalization papers.

D. H. C. asks: Can I obtain any position in the Army outside of private, corporal, etc.—a clerkship, for instance? Ans.—Call at our office any week day between 4 and 5.30 P. M. and full information will be given you. The foot of the ladder is the best starting place.

Ensign asks: 1. How many ensigns are there at present? Ans.—180.

2. Does Ensign R. H. Jackson take rank after Ensign F. B. Bassett and Ensign Yates after Jackson? Ans.—The former resigned June 30, 1889.

T. E. S. asks: 1. Can a man having 2 years and 11 months buy himself out? Ans.—Yes.

2. Is the order revoked regarding the purchase of discharges? Ans.—No.

3. What will it cost a man having 2 years, 10 months and 22 days' service? Ans.—About \$7.

Old Soldier.—If your service has been faithful you are entitled to furlough until the last day of the third month from the day of the expiration of your three years of service, and to your discharge on the date of the expiration of your furlough. You are not obliged to take the whole three months' furlough, but the day of discharge is mandatory.

Tenth Corps asks: I enlisted in volunteers, Aug. 24, 1861, re-enlisted as vet. vol., served 2 years and 7 months as enlisted man, discharged March 29, 1865, to accept a commission in same regiment. Can I count double time for service as enlisted man, 3 years and 7 months, that is, 7 years and 2 months? Ans.—Yes. You have served between April 15, 1861, and May 1, 1865, counts double.

Soldier.—You do not give the extent of your "poor eye-sight," so we cannot say whether it was sufficient cause for your rejection after serving two enlistments. Army medical officers are very careful in this regard, and do not usually reject for slight visual defects. Men who have visual defects which would prevent them from becoming marksmen are not, as a rule, accepted for the line.

Naval Cadet asks: How many passed assistant engineers are there at present with rank of lieutenant? Ans.—36.

How many with rank of lieutenant (junior grade)? Ans.—96.

How many assistant engineers there are at present? Ans.—66.

J. C.—The prospects of an early increase of pay for General Service clerks are doubtful. In our opinion it would be better to concentrate influence so as to procure legislation by which this class can retire after thirty years service on 75 per cent. of their pay as clerks. The law on this subject, as it now stands, is scarcely just, to say the least of it.

B. asks: 1. Can a soldier discharged from the Army under G. O. 50, A. G. O., after three years' service, enlist in the Navy or Marine Corps? Ans.—Yes, with the consent of the proper authorities. Par. 4, G. O. 50, says: "Soldiers discharged" shall not be eligible to again enlist in the Army for one year from the date of discharge."

2. Can a man who has served as trumpeter in the Army get a position as ship's trumpeter in the Navy? Ans.—Doubtless he might, if of good character, and skilful on the trumpet.

Repeater asks: 1. Can a soldier discharged under G. O. 50, of 1890, enlist in Navy or marines before expiration of one year? Ans.—See answer to B. in this week's JOURNAL.

2. What is the required height for naval service? Would they take a man over six feet? Ans.—Yes.

3. Is there a receiving ship for recruits on the Pacific Coast? Ans.—The Independence, at Mare Island, Cal.

4. What was the largest crew ever carried by the Baltimore? Ans.—302. As a flagship she will carry 321.

Captain, Co. D, New Brunswick, N. J., writes: Please give the exact position of the right and left general guides (right). Par. 371 says they are opposite right and left flanks of the battalion. Are they directly behind the right and left guides of the right and left companies, if so, where do they go at command rear upon order; if that is their position at above command, the right and left guides would walk over them. Also please state when and how they take or get to their position. Ans.—The right and left general guides cover the right and left files of the battalion, not the guides. See diagram, par. 568, Tactics. They assume their positions when the right and left companies are established in the line of battle.

1st Sergeant, Rochester, N. Y., writes: 1. Kindly inform me where I can procure the very latest decisions on "Duties of 1st Sergeants." Ans.—We do not know of any special work on the duties of 1st sergeants.

2. Does not the captain of a company dress the company after executing "On right into line" or "Left front into line"? Ans.—After "On right or left into line," the company is always halted and dressed. Also at the front into line, if the movement be executed in quick time. In the front into line "double time," the direct march is continued.

3. Should the company move at the command "Forward, march?" And if the right guide should come to a carry when conducting the leading four on to the line, in the above-named movements? Ans.—The word "forward" is not required to execute these movements. The guides remain with arms the same as the company until the command halt.

Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

The New York Commandery held a meeting at Delmonico's Wednesday evening, Feb. 4, when the following applications for membership will be voted upon: Mr. E. S. Fowler, Gen. H. C. Bankhead, U. S. A., retired; Major James Catling, Lieut. G. J. Collins, Gen. C. T. Collins, Capt. E. L. Cook, Capt. D. Consett, Capt. O. Coville and Col. R. M. E. Kings, U. S. V.; P. A. Engr. J. W. Gardner, U. S. Navy, retired; Chief Engr. B. G. Gowing, U. S. N.; Capt. G. M. Harmon, Capt. C. E. Hart, Lieut. F. J. Hart, Col. E. P. Hoilister, Major J. F. Laud and Capt. J. M. Lyle, U. S. V.; Capt. E. P. Meeker, U. S. Marine Corps; John Miller, late U. S. N.; Capt. H. L. Pierson and Major T. L. Poole, U. S. V.; Lieut. Sedgwick Pratt, 3d U. S. Art.; Lieut. W. C. Reddy, Col. D. F. Ritchie, Capt. R. B. Stearns, Major H. R. Steele, Lieut. I. W. Steward, Col. G. W. Thompson and Lieut. N. H. Van Arsdale, U. S. V.; also, by inheritance, Messrs. F. W. Cook, R. La Bree, J. R. Le Roy, C. W. Thomas and Howard Thornton, W. E. Pettit, R. E. Prince, Jr., and J. de F. Racey. This Commandery is in a flourishing condition and has now well on to a thousand members.

The Commandery of the State of Washington was organized at Tacoma Jan. 14. Official communications should be addressed to Gen. John W. Sprague, commander, or to Lieut. Geo. W. Thompson, recorder, Tacoma, Wash.

ORDNANCE NOTES.

General Flagler, the new Chief of Ordnance, entered upon his new and important duties during the present week. Always an important branch, the Ordnance Bureau is doubly so now that Congress is at last heeding the demands of the committee for the protection of our coasts, and it is a source of no little satisfaction to know that we have an officer at the head of the corps so well equipped for continuing the good work so auspiciously begun.

The Ordnance Bureau has been notified by the Bethlehem Iron Works Company that the tube and jacket for the second 12-inch gun are ready, and will complete the pair for the forward barbette of the coast defense vessel Monterey.

Another automatic signalling target has been invented, this time by an Australian, Mr. A. T. M. Johnson. One was invented some years ago by an officer of our Army and was described in the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL. The circuit which records the shot is produced by the action of oscillating levers attached to the several sections of the target. These raise the horizontal balancing bar, which, coming in contact with a clutch bar running horizontally above it, releases a signalling lever, in which is fixed a signalling disc. Each section of the target has a different signalling disc, so that it is at once seen from the firing point where the bullet has struck. After remaining in sight for a few seconds the lever with the disc returns to its place and the target is ready for the next shot. The position of the shot can also be shown by means of a recording instrument placed at the firing point and connected up electrically with the target, and each shot registered on a roll of paper placed inside the target.

Engineering devotes No. LII. of its series of articles on Modern French Artillery to a description of the Hotchkiss machine and quick firing guns.

The board on range-finders, which is acting in advisory capacity to the board on ordnance and fortifications, will shortly conduct some experiments with an invention of 2d Lieut. Lewis, 2d Art., which is reported to possess considerable merit. Captain Zalinski is also having a range-finder made which he will shortly present for trial. The Ordnance and Fortification Board will not take any final steps toward the adoption of a range-finder until all the various inventions have been thoroughly tested. The Berdan, Fiske and Crosby-Rukeman Anders

have been tried with more or less success, but there are still some imperfections in each of them that must be overcome before any one of them is finally adopted.

In its number for Jan. 9 *Engineer* publishes illustrations with descriptions of the three armor plates recently tested in Russia. Summing up, it says: "We think that it will be felt that the all-steel has beaten the compound more decidedly than we first reported. The back of Schneider's plate is excellent as concerns penetration and injury to ribs, and Messrs. Vickers, as we know, have been selected to receive the Russian order on the qualities displayed in this trial, the intrinsic excellence of the steel being shown by the plate's powers of holding together, so that, while a little more hardness is desired—and we think rightly desired—it is thought that the Vickers make promises best. Then naturally arises the question of nickel. Curiously enough, if the Annapolis plates' backs and fronts be compared with those tested at Ochoa, the relative behavior of the nickel and other steel plates is reversed. At Annapolis the nickel plate admitted of more penetration, but held capitally together. At Ochoa, the Vickers plate with no nickel behaved in this way, as compared with the Schneider plate, containing 3 per cent. of nickel. How is this? Is the high value set on nickel premature? Is 3 per cent. too small a quantity to tell? Or, lastly, is the report which has appeared in some American papers true, that nickel behaves badly in frost? It may be seen that our report mentioned that on the day of the Ochoa competition there was a hard frost. On the whole, we are inclined to think that nickel is valuable; but we confess our main reason is that Schneider, who has had most to do with it, seems to believe in it. No one would increase such a costly ingredient from 3 to 5 per cent. if he had not strong reason to expect good results from it. Like other valuable substances, however, it appears to be difficult to manage, and much experience will be needed before it can be depended on to produce desired

effects under varying conditions." Orders have been given to Messrs. Vickers for the armor for two gun boats now building on the Neva.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

It is proposed to experiment in England with an improved cavalry saddle.

The grand old cathedral of Durham is to be lighted by electricity, the necessary power being obtained from the River Wear.

The Manchester Ship Canal project has been followed by a bill now on its way through Parliament to open a waterway between Sheffield and the sea.

The Austrian admiralty has decided on the constitution of a "Schul Ecadre" for the training of officers and men in the tactical and technical handling of war ships at sea.

MANY of the Leicestershire regiment, British Army, stationed at Bermuda, and soon to go to Halifax, have been committing acts of rowdism, and in a recent conflict with citizens got decidedly the worst of it.

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught is said to be winning golden opinions by his management of affairs of the Southern District. He has introduced various reforms and is showing great consideration for the comfort of his men.

THE name of the Chilean hero, Captain Prat, who fell at Iquique, May 21, 1879, while attacking in the corvette *Esmeralda* the Peruvian ironclad *Huascar*, has been given to the new Chilean battle ship, recently launched by the Company of the Forges et Chantiers de la Méditerranée. She is 322 ft. long, 12,000 H. P., and 18 or 19 knots speed with induced draught, and 17 knots with natural draught. She is to have a belt of Schneider steel 11.81 in. in thickness, an armored deck and a central fort covered with 3.93 in. of steel, which extends over more than a third of the area.

SOME of the Portuguese troops in garrison at Oporto attempted a revolution in favor of a republic, Jan. 31. The populace took no part in the movement which was promptly suppressed. Some of the mutineers were killed and others arrested.

THE hearts of British colonels are filled with joy by the postponement of the operation of a Royal warrant, which would have stopped their promotions to major generals on the 1st of January. This will now be deferred until the reduction of the Generals' list lately decided upon—viz., from 140 to 100 for cavalry, royal artillery, royal engineers, guards and infantry of the line—has been carried out, as it probably will be, in three or four years' time.

THE pay of foreign army officers living in barracks, as compared with our own, is as follows:

	1st Lt.	2d Lt.	1st Lieut.	2d Lieut.
England.....	\$1811	\$1062	\$858	\$491
Germany.....	1553	1083	733	350
France.....	1000	703	648	400
United States....	2800	2000	1800	1600

In England a field officer is entitled after 20 years' service to \$2000 a year, in Germany to \$2680, and in France to \$390. The pay given for our Service does not include service allowance and is for the unmounted officers, except that under the heading of 1st Captain we give the pay of a captain mounted.

RECALLING the fact that the offence given to Indian religious prejudices by the story of cartridges greased with the fat of pigs and beef suet led to the Sepoy mutiny, the *Army and Navy Gazette* wonders why the Indian Government can be so rash as to meddle with the question of Hindoo child marriages by raising the age of consent. "It is," it says, "enough to provoke sardonic laughter to read of Sir Scoble and his friends in council, in defiance of the objections of men like Sir Madhava Rao, and of the most learned, sagacious and respected leaders of Hindoo opinion, dealing with a question of the most delicate character. 'Why can't they let it alone?'"

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There is a deficiency of 5,500 men in the British Army, and it is hard to get men for the Army, while the Royal Marines, the only corps not recruited on the short service system, has its ranks always full and could be easily enlarged.

TELEPHONIC communication has been established between Rome, a Coast Guard signal station on a Cornish headland near Plymouth, England, and the adjacent towns. The same system is used to connect Quebec and other towns on the lower St. Lawrence with the mouth of that river.

The Emperor William, of Germany, who has one arm shorter than the other, shoots very well, using a gun with a curved stock similar to that employed by sportsmen who have lost an eye or who are left-handed. He is reported to have killed 312 hares in five hours with a double-barrelled breech-loader.

Geo. Crosland Taylor, F. R. G. S. A. S. E. E., who has been experimenting with flying machines, says: "It is easy to travel 12 miles an hour on a good level track bicycling as to walk four miles an hour on the same track; I think a similar exertion flying will produce a speed of 25 to 30 miles an hour."

Mr. Henson, who is on his way to England under arrest, charged with deserting the British naval service, because he went into the Chinese service before his resignation was accepted proposes, it is said, to ask from the Court of Queen's Bench a mandamus to compel the admiralty to accept his resignation.

QUEEN VICTORIA has received a present from British officers of a large Burmese bell taken at Mandalay. This is a fair division of the loot. British instincts in this direction seem to be strong. We remember that when Port Royal was captured in 1862 by Dupont the officers of the British gunboats were reported to have helped themselves to various articles, including pianos lying loose in the houses of Beaufort, S. C.

The Queenstown Parliament has passed an act to punish with a fine of £100 or imprisonment the offence of making without permission any sketch of a defence work. Approaching or entering a work with sketching material results in the forfeiture of that material and a fine of £20, and a fine of from £50 to £200 and imprisonment for not more than three years is prescribed for the offence of furnishing information of said defences by a civil or military officer.

COMTE VON WALTERS has resigned as chief of the general staff of the German Army, and has been succeeded by General von Haeseler, an able soldier devoted to his profession.

The conditions of the new Panama Canal concession are an extension of ten years in the time of building the canal, work to be effectively resumed before Feb. 28, 1893. The old company is to be liquidated and its assets transferred to the new. The Colombian Government is to receive ten million francs in gold and five million in 10,000 of the new company's shares and is to have a special representative in the board of the new company.

PATENTS FOR MILITARY INVENTIONS.

A selected list of patents reported especially for the U. S. ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL, by Munn and Co., Patent Attorneys, 361 Broadway, New York City, all bearing date of Feb. 3:

G. O. Stein, Ploche, Nev., elastic fender for vessels.
J. Warrant-Creton, Hoigne-Chesatle, Belgium, breech-loading gun.
B. F. and W. F. Sparr, New York, screw propeller.

The opening of the 34th century of the American patent system is to be celebrated at Washington April 8. Among the papers announced are those by Maj. Clarence E. Dutton, O. D., U. S. A., upon "The Influence of Invention upon the Armaments and Munitions of Modern Warfare;" Prof. Thurston, U. S. Navy, now director of Sibley College, Cornell University, on "The Invention of the Steam Engine," and Dr. John S. Billings on "Invention and Discovery in Surgery and Medical and Sanitary Science."

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CARR-BLUNT.—At Fort Omaha, Neb., January 21, Mr. HARVEY H. CARR to Miss NELLIE P. BLUNT, daughter of the late General Asa P. Blunt, U. S. Army.

CARR-MORRISON.—At St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 3, Mr. CLARK M. CARR, son of Gen. Eugene A. Carr, U. S. A., to Miss VIRGINIA MORRISON.

NORRIS-BAILY.—At Tokyo, Japan, Jan. 5, at Trinity Church, by the Rev. J. Thompson Cole, Lieut. Commander GEORGE A. NORRIS, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. MARIA R. BAILY, sister-in-law of the Hon. J. F. Swift, U. S. Minister to Japan. No cards.

DIED.

DIETZ.—At Alcatraz Island, Jan. 28, Captain W. D. DIETZ, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., and Mrs. DIETZ, his wife.

LARNED.—At Baltimore, Md., Jan. 8, Major FRANK H. LARNED, U. S. Army, retired.

MILLER.—At Mount Airy, near Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 29, Medical Director JONATHAN DICKINSON MILLER, U. S. N., retired.

MILLS.—At Copenhagen, Denmark, January 15, 1891, Mrs. JULIA C. MILLS, widow of the late Hon. H. A. Mills, mother of Mrs. Clark E. Carr, the wife of the United States Minister to Denmark, and of Lieutenant Stephen Crosby Mills, 12th U. S. Infantry.

MORGAN.—At 174 Nicholas Avenue, New York City, James RANDOLPH MORGAN, son of the late Captain James M. Morgan, Ordnance Department, U. S. A.

MORROW.—At Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 31, Brigadier General HENRY ANDREW MORROW, Colonel 21st U. S. Inf.

OURY.—At Fort Lowell, A. T., in the 64th year of her age, Mrs. IRENE G. OURY, mother-in-law of Maj. G. C. Smith, U. S. A., and Maj. J. B. Girard, surgeon, U. S. A., on Jan. 27, 1891.

PIERCE.—At Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1891, MAE L., wife of C. F. Pierce, acting boatswain, U. S. Navy.

WADDELL.—In Philadelphia, Pa., January 28, ANNE SELLMAN, widow of James J. Waddell, formerly Commander, U. S. Navy.



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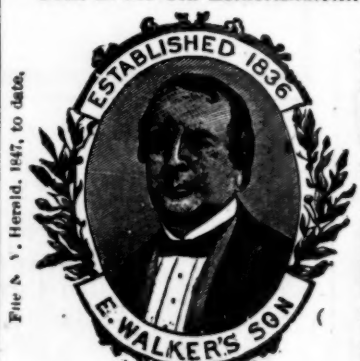
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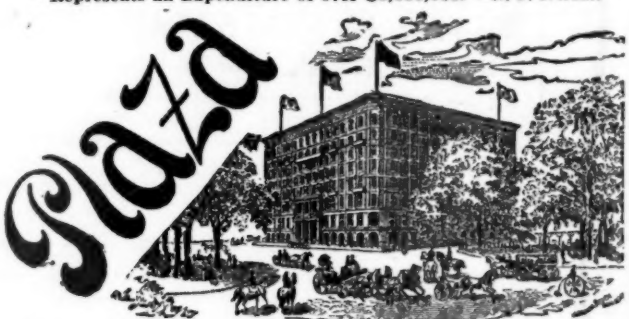
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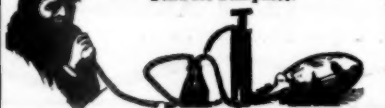


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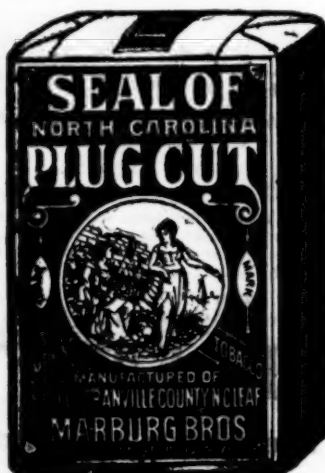
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